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# A DISCOURSE OF

## Thoſe Miraculous Prodigies that have been ſeen ſince the Birth of our bleſſed Lord and Saviour

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## With a *Chronological Note* of ſuch Eminent Accidents, which have immediatly enſued the appearance of every of them.

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# A DISCOURSE Touching the NATURES & EFFECTS OF PRODIGIES;

Wherin is handled the *Apparition* of the FLYING DRAGON, seen in *Scotland*, on November 15th 1656. and what it points out unto these Northern Countries, and other parts of *EUROPE*.

*Difficile est judicium de quo caremus exemplis multarum rerum in nostris temporibus*, (saith [a] one.) That is, It is a very *hard* and difficult matter to *judge* of those things, of which in our *times* we have few or no *Presidents*. [a] Rigal. Apol. 46.

I do not remember to have either *read* or *heard* of the Apparition of a *Fiery Dragon* in these Northern *Countries* these fifty years, untill now: nor of a long time before; and about that time there was one seen at * *London*: Of which more anon.

* Fiery Dragon seen in *London* fifty years since. *b Batman's Doom, f. 193*

In the b year of *Christ* 857, in the second year of *Lewis* Emperour of the *Romanes*, at *Colene*, the seventeenth of the *Kalends* of *October*, when the People of the City fled to the *Cathedral* of Saint *Peter*, upon the rising of a Tempest, suddenly appeared a *fiery Dragon*, which clove and pierced the *Church*, and destroyed three men in sundry places with one *stroak*, and left six more half *dead* with the same *violence*.

c Visæ sunt sæpius & Draconum mirabiles turmæ per Aera volantes. *Cosm. l. 1.* *d In meteorologia.*

And c *Cornelius Gemma* tels us, that there are often seen in a *strange* and admirable *manner*, whole *troops* or *companies* of *Dragons* flying through the Air, and that they want not their *effects*.

And d *Casper Peucerus* saith, that *fiery Dragons* have often been seen to hover in the *Air* in a strange manner: And most *Naturalists* conclude, That *apparitio Draconis portendit Bellum*: [*i. e.*] The apparition of a *Dragon* portends *War*.

But notwithstanding the unanimous consent of *Authors* in the effects of this unwonted and strange *Prodigie*, yet do I not find any that yet ever writ of the *portents* of a particular *Apparition* thereof; so that the ingenious (I hope) considering the difficulty of my *undertaking*, and the smalnesse of my *helps*, will (should I commit any *errors* in the ensuing Treatise) passe them over the more friendly, and with the best *constructions*.

For I must acknowledge with the learned

Bacon

Bacon, [e] *Pluribus modis contingit deviare, quam signum attingere & ubi plura requiruntur, facilius erratur*: In such *things* as these are, it is more likely to *erre*, then to hit the *mark* aright; for where many things are to be observed, we erre the more easily.

[e] Baron de mirab: l: 108

Now that I may proceed the more *clearly*, give me leave to propose unto my self a *method*, which sticking to, *ad finem*, I shall contract the fewer errors, and possibly afford more satisfaction to the *ingenious Reader*.

[f] Sapiens debit incipere a fine.

My Method then shall be thus, *viz.* to divide this Discourse into four parts, or *Sections*: The first of which (*God permitting*) I intend to travel through some necessary *disquisitions* concerning *Prodigies* at large.

The second, to examine the *portents* of this particular *Prodigie*.

The third, to shew the *effects* of *Prodigies*, as they have been observed by the industry, care and pains of *Chronologers*.

The last shall be to shew the natural causes of *Cœlestial Prodigies*, according to the opinion of *Philosophers*.

## SECTION I.

### *Of some necessary Disquisitions touching* PRODIGIES.

IT is the Opinion of the learned in *Astrology* and *Meteorology*, That *Prodigies* are usually the *antecedents* of mundane *Catastrophes*: and all (otherwise Learned) both *ancient* and *modern writers*, have sufficiently

ently sealed this *Truth*, and will appear by the third part of this Treatise at large, and shall in part be shewed before I come to the end of this first *Section*; but before I come to particular instances, give me leave to resolve three *Questions*, which seem to stand up and call for *Responses*, viz.

1. *What a Prodigie is?*
2. *Whether it have a Natural Cause?*
3. *Whether it be an Antecedent to worldly Changes?*

Quest. 1. *What a Prodigie is?*

*Answ.* A *Prodigie* generally is a thing that surpasses the *altitude* of mans *imagination*, and begets in him a *miraculous contemplation*; yea, oftentimes *horror* and *amazement*: and this by its coming to passe beyond his expectation or thought: Hence the *Latines* call it *Prodigium*, *à Græc.* πρᾶστον; *ex* πέρας. (*i. e.*) *contra naturam*, a sight *unusual*, *monstrous*, *mervailous*, *wonderfull*, and against the common *current* of *Nature*.

g Two sorts of Prodigies.

Of *Prodigies* there are two sorts, [g] *viz. Cœlestial* and *Terrestial*.

*Terrestial*, or *earthly Prodigies* are many, as for a man to be born with six *fingers* and *toes* on each *hand* and *foot*, *Goliah* like: or *Twins* to be brought forth joyned together, as in the year 1475 [h] neer *Verona*, one was (or rather two were) born with four hands, two heads, four legs, two privities, and joyned just from the Buttock upwards: or that in *Flanders*, in 1567 at a Village called *Ubalen*, where a child was born with two *heads*, and four *arms*, and members in all parts for two *Bodies*, save the

h Chron. Poland.

*legs*, of which there were but two onely,

Or for a child to be born *hairy*, having its *navel* where its *nose* should stand, and its *eyes* in the place of the *mouth*, the mouth in the chin, &c. as in the year 1569 at [i] *Arles* in *France* there was.

i Comment. lib. 8. f. 10.

Or for one to be born with a mouth like a *Stork*, and tail like an *Ox*, *claws* like a *Hawk*, and *belly* like a *Swan*, and body *hairy*, &c. as at *Arnehim* a Town in *Gelderland* on Novem. 12. 1575. as is alledged by *S. Bateman*, [k] Dr of *Divinity*.

k doom to Judgm. fol. 401.

Or for one to be born with three *arms*, three *legs*, [l] and three *faces*, and yet but one *head*, &c. as at *Alfac* in *Italy*, in the year 1578 Or for one to be born with a *head* bigger then all the rest of the *body*, as in the year 1581 at *Chichester* in *England*, in the County of *Sussex*.

l *Gemma* in Cosma. lib. 1 Nenus. lib. 1. c. 16

Or for a birth to be two perfect Bodies from the *navel* upward, and to have *hands* and *feet*, and all members else proportionable for two, onely joined at the *navel*, and have their *legs* issue out thence, &c. [m] as in the year 1552. at *Middleton* in *Oxfordshire* it happened.

m *Stows* Abridgm.

Or, for to be born any otherwise *monstrously mishapen*, as *Hypocrates*, *Galen*, *Mizaldus*, *Peucer*, &c. testifie of many such *births*, unnecessary to be enumerated.

Then, for *children* to *speak* in their Mothers [n] *womb*, or *laugh* [o] there, as in *Kent* in *England* a boy was heard to *laugh* before he was born. Or for a *child* of six moneths old to speak, as in the year of the world 3725. at *Rome*, a child of that age *proclaimed* a Triumph. And in the year of the world 3417. when [p] *Cyrus* overcame in battail *Crœsus* King of

n In *Marucina* a child in his mothers belly cryed, *Bat.* fol. 70

o In the year 570. *Bale.*

p *Alexand.* ab *Alexand.* lib. 2

of the *Lydians*, a child of *ſix moneths old* is ſaid to have diſtinctly foretold, in a *prodigious manner*, that his Kingdom ſhould be *loſt*. For *Dogs*, *Serpents*, *Oxen*, *Cows*, &c. to ſpeak, as to *Tarquinius* once a *Dog* ſpake diſtinctly, and a *Serpent* alſo. [q] An *Ox* alſo ſpake theſe words [*Roma tibi cave*] unto *Rome*, in the year of the world 3774. [r] And about the ſame time a *Cow* was heard to utter *words* diſtinctly.

[q] *Livius* in Julius Obſ. chap. 7
[r] Eod. chap. 53

For *wolves* to flock boldly into *Towns* and *Cities*, and *howl* there; as at *Prema*, in the year 171. [s] they came *yelling* and *howling* in great flocks, and there with horrible *ſnarling*, ſtrove with a company of *ſcreech Owls*.

[s] *Mart. Anton*

For the *Earth* to *quake*, as in the year 806 *ante Chriſtum*, it did in *India*, and then *clave* the mountain *Erogo* in ſunder. [t] And at *Greece* in many places, in the year *before Chriſt* 409. [v] And in *Aſia* in the year of the world 3766. which ſhook *Rhodes*, and many other Cities therein; yea, and ſwallowed ſome [w] quite up.

[t] *Cooper*, fol. 34
[v] *Thucid.* lib 5
[w] *Livius*, lib 4. dec. 3.

For *Fiſhes* to forſake their *element*, as a little before the *Hollanders* revolted from the *Spaniard*, and refuſed to yeild obedience any longer unto them; a *Whale* three times came aſhore at *Amſterdam*.

For *Birds* to flock in great *companies*, contrary to their wonted cuſtom, and beſiege *Places* (as it were,) as at [y] *Capua* in the year 1457.

[y] *M. Purchas* in his Pilgr.

For *water* to ſurpaſſe its ordinary *bounds*, as in *Thrace*, in the year of *Chriſt* 545. which deſtroyed many *People*. And in the year 1086. an *inundation* happened in *Italy*, and deſtroyed many brave places. The *Ocean* in the year 1135. *overflowed* the main Land,

and

and suddenly destroyed a great part of *Holland*, *Friesland* and *Flanders*, [a] with a great number of *men* and *beasts*.

[a] Dr. Bateman in his warn. to Judgm. pl. 223

For the Earth to be watred with *Blood* and *Milk*, in the room or stead of *Rain*; with Blood, as upon Mount *Aventine* at *Rome*, of which *Livius* speaks, lib. 3. And at *Cære* it rained Blood in the year of the world 38 8. two dayes together. And (to passe all other ancient proofs here) at *Pool* in *Dorsetshire* in the year 1653. it *Rained Blood* also.

It rained Milk at *Gabia* as is reported by *Livie*: And in *Anno Mundo* 3854. it rained Milk in *Rome* three dayes together. It rained Milk at *Rome* when *Cato* was Consul, *viz.* in the year of the world 3847. [a]

[a] *Livius*, lib. 1. cap. 94

And for *Wool* and *Oyl* to be poured on the *Earth*, as at *Veios*, a City of *Hetruria*, in *Anno Mundi* 3842. it rained *Oyl* extreamly: and in the year of Christ 364. *Wool* was rained out of the *Clouds*.

For the *sea* to appear like *blood*, as in the year of Christ 53. it appeared, and seemed as if it were real *blood* certain dayes together.

For *noisom Flyes* to encrease, &c. as in the year 1092. great *swarms* appeared in a strange manner in many Countries.

For *Toads* and *Frogs* to encrease, &c. as in the time of *Henry* the second, in *Wales*, where they devoured a *young man*. [b] For *Locusts* and *Caterpillers* to cover the *earth*, as in the dayes of *Pharaoh*: and in *Italy* in the year 593. where they came in such numbers, and destroyed so much of the *fruits* of the earth, as shortly after ensued a great *famine* there.

[b] Stows Abridgm.

For *Bees* (those *monarchical* and rarely well-governed *Creatures*) to go a *progresse*, as

[e] Livie. those that came to [c] *Cassinum*, and setled in the Court-house, while that Causes were there a *pleading*.

Or like those that *swarmed* in the *Temple* of *Salus*: or those in *Germany*, in the Tents of *Drusus*, that lighted upon the *Pavilion* of *Hostilius Rutilius*, Marshal of the *Field*, in the year of the world 3954 [d] Or those that came *swarming* through *Covent Garden*, and the Strand, *London*, in the years 1653 and 1654. where one company setled themselves to the end of a *Cart*, and the other to the *knee* of a man's *Breeches*, as he passed along the *streets*.

[d] Dr. Beteman's doom, fol. 119.

For *wheat* to be rained on the earth, as it was in *Carinthia*, which [e] *Dubartus* attests;

[e] Dubartus, fol. 16

*——Those drisling showrs of Wheat,*
*Which in* Carinthia *twice were seen to shed,*
*Wherof that People made them store of Bread.*

For the *earth* to travail, and remove out of its *place*, as it did in the Territory of *Modona*, where were two *Hills*, being at an indifferent distance, seen fiercely to *assault* each the other, and *retreated* so far, that there was seen a *flame* and *smoak* to go up [f] *between them.*

[f] Ravisius, tap. 31

We have a more remarkable *story* nearer home, *viz.* in the year 1571. at *Kinnaston* in *Herefordshire* (as the learned *Cambden* reports) [g] a Hill they call *Marcley-hill*, as though it had awakened it self of a sudden, out of a *deep sleep*, roused it self up, and for the space of three dayes together, *moving*, and shewing it self (as mighty and *huge* an *heap* as it was) with *roaring noise* in a fearfull sort, and over-

[g] Cambd. Brittania, fol 620

overturning all things that stood in the way, *advanced* it self forward, to the *wondrous* astonishment of the *Beholders*.

Mr *Speed* [b] in his *description* of the same *Country*, delivers the *story* more fully, and tels us, It began to *journey* on the *seventh* of *February*, being *Saterday*, at six a *clock* at night, &c. and carried with it, *sheep* in their *coats*, *Hedg-Rows*, and *Trees*, whereof some were overturned, and some that stood upon the Plain are firmly growing upon the *Hill*: Those that were *East*, were turned *West*, and those in the *West* were in the *East*: In which Remove, it overthrew *Kinnaston Chappell*, and turned two *high ways* neer one *hundred yards* from their usual *paths* formerly trod. The Ground thus travelling neer about twenty six *Acres*, which opening it self, with *Rocks* and all, bare the *earth* before it four hundred yards space, without any stay, leaving that which was *Pasturage* in the *place* of *Tillage*, and the *Tillage* overspread with *Pasturage*: And at last overwhelming her lower parts, *mounted* to an *Hill* of *twelve fathoms* high, and there rested her self, after three dayes travell, &c.

[b] *M. Speed* in his *description of Herefordshire*

And (although I might relate many more, yet) this shall suffice for earthly *Prodigies* here.

Cœlestial *Prodigies* are many also: as those many very various and admirable *Apparitions* which in an *admirable* manner have been observed in the *Heavens*, viz. *Armies* seen fighting, *Charging* and *Retreating* as deterously, as if they were at a real pitcht Field, or *Battail* here on earth. Such a *Prodigie* was that which appeared in the year of the world 3795 when *Antiochus* [i] made provision to go the second

Cœlestial Prodigies.

[i] *Macchab.* lib. 2. cap. 5.

ſecond time into *Ægypt*, where in *Jeruſalem* for *forty dayes* together were ſeen in the *Air*, *Horſmen running to* and *fro*, having *Guns* of *Gold*, and *ſpears*, as it were *Armed Bands*: their *Horſes* ran in Order, they met hand to hand; their *Bucklers* moved, and there were a number of Men with *Helmets*, and drawn *ſwords*: there was caſting of *Darts*, and *Gorgets*, gilt *Armour*, and *coats* of Mail, &c.

In the year of the Emperour *Charles* the Great, and 803. of Chriſt, before *Nicephorus* ſet upon the *Empire* of the Weſt, there appeared *Armies* of wonderfull *greatneſſe* in the *Air*. [k] The ſame Author telleth us, that in the year 930. *poſt Chriſtum*, the ſixteenth of the *Kalends* of *March*, in the morning about *Cock crow*, untill the *day-break*, there was ſeen (in a Country in *France*) all over the face of the *Element*, *bloody Armies*. [l] And *Anno Chriſti* 1116. in the beginning of the night, *fiery Armies* were ſeen in the Element from the North to the Eaſt, and afterward diſperſed over all the *Heavens*, to the exceeding amazement of the *Beholders*.

k Bateman's doom, f. 186.

l Eod. lib. 2. f. 197.

Then for *Caſtles*, *Cities* and *Towns* to be repreſented in the *Air*, as if they were really *fixed* there. For whole Countries to be, and appear in the *Heavens*, carrying in them *Hils*, *Woods*, *Vallies*, *Rivers*, *Beaſts*, *Fowls*, *Men*, *Women* and *Children*, and all as variouſly and differently diſpoſed, as they are here on *Earth*.

m Dr. Fulk in me.

For *monſtrous* and hideous *ſhapes* to appear in the *Heavens*, ſuch as the Earth affords no *ſimilitude*: ſuch as *Livius* ſaith appeared at *Rome*, *Anno Mundi* 3696. he reports them (for want of fit *ſimilitudes*) to be both *ill favoured* and *cruell*.

n Livius, lib. 6.

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Then, for *Burials*, *Proceſſions*, *Judgments*, *Combates*, *Weapons* of all ſorts, *crowns* and *Scepters*, *Arms* of certain *countries* and *Noble Men*.

For Men to appear like *Penitential Patients*, after an humble and repentant manner, asking *forgiveneſſe* of whom they have offended; of which *Apparitions* ſtrange *ſtories* have I both *read* and *heard*: but I conceive it fitter to *transfer* the *Relations* of them unto the third part of this *Tract*.

For *Sybil-like characteriſtical* Oracles, &c. to be ſeen and read in the *Heavens*; as that of *Julian* the Apoſtate in *Perſia*, the ſame day he dyed, a *knot* or *company* of *ſtars* were obſerved to make up theſe words, *Hodie* Julianus *in* Perſia *occiditur*: [*i. e.*] This day ſhall *Julian* be ſlain in *Perſia*: [o] and he was ſo. Or that of *Tackius*, a *Germane* [p] *Doctor of Phyſick*, which he makes mention out of one *Caſper*, to have appeared in the year of our Lord 1554, not far from the City of *Harmſted*, in *Tranſilvania*, which was obſerved in *fair* and *legible characters*, thus;

[o] *Zonaras.*
[p] Quoted by Capt *Wharton* in his Ephem. 1655

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Nay, he further *avers*, that at *Freiburg* the ſame year, on a very *fair* day, our *Lord Jeſus Chriſt* was beheld, ſitting upon a *Rainbow*, as if upon his *Tribunal*, to denounce the univerſal *Judgment*.

For

For *caſtles*, and *cities*, and *towns*, to be beſieged in the *Air*, and the many and divers *actions* and *geſtures* of Men, both *commanders* and *ſouldiers* pertaining thereunto; as it happened not many years ſince in *Poland* and *Muſcovia*: it may be the *meſſenger* of the *miſery* the *Polander* hath lately *ſuſtained*. And alſo in the North of [a] *England* very lately, &c.

[a] In the year 1659

For the *ſimilitude* or likeneſſe of perſons known to the *ſpectators*, to appear in the *Heavens*; as that of the Emperour *Charles*, unto whom the *ſpectators* did *obeiſance*, (ſuppoſing it to have been him indeed) by putting off their *caps* unto him. Or that of *John Frederick*, Prince Elector of *Saxony*, who at the ſame time was *Priſoner* to the [b] Emperour.

[b] Dr. Swan in Spec. mun.

And I very well remember, that in the year 1649. the year in which *Charles* the late King of *England* was *beheaded*, it was generally (I will not, I cannot ſay truly) *reported*, that he without his *head* was ſeen to hover in a very ſtrange manner over *White Hall* many *nights* together. Nay, I have heard ſome *affirm*, that he was ſeen (ſometimes) with his *George* on his *Breſt*, in the manner as he wore it when he came on the *ſcaffold*. And that ſometimes he was ſeen to appear in his *Watchet waſtcoat* onely. Neither of theſe did I ever ſee, I confeſſe, nor can I enjoin any ones *faith* to *believe* them therefore.

For *Circles*, and *Crowns*, and Images, &c. to appear in the *Heavens*, of *different* and *various colours*.

For *croſſes* to appear there; as in the year 1568 in *England* on the 25. day of *January*, when there *appeared a great ſhining croſſe*, with a *ſtar* on the *top*, and a *Moon* at the lower [c] *end* thereof.

[c] See Stows Abridgm.

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Then for *chasmes*, *chaps* or *gapings* in the *clouds*; such as so often appeared in the years 1644, 1645. in *England*, the South and West parts thereof.

For *Darknesse* to appear in the *day time*, without an *Eclipse*; as in the time of *Commodus*, in the year of Christ 187. it was so *dark*, that the *stars* were seen all day long. And in the year 264. there *was darknesse many dayes together*. [t] Or that at the *Passion* of *Christ*, which *Dyonisius Areopagita*, [u] being at *Athens* saw, and cryed out, *Aut machinae Authorem pati, vel machinam ejus dissolutum iri.* [i. e.] That either the *God* of *Nature* then *suffered*, or the *fabrick* of the whole *world* shall be dissolved.

[t] D.B.doom f. 146

[u] *Dyonis. Areop.* Epist. ad *Policarp.*

Then *Comets*, or *Blazing stars*; [x] *Peucer* makes mention of one that appeared in the year 607. and *blazed* 32 dayes together; and in the year 1043. another appeared and *blazed* for many *weeks together*, &c. Such also were they that appeared in the *chair* of *Cassiopeia*: and in the year 1618. in *Scorpio*, *Libra*, *Virgo*: and lately in the year 1652. in *Gemini* and *Taurus*.

[x] *Caspar Peucerus* in meteorol.

Then there are παρήλια, [y] or *Mock-suns*, and παρασέληνα, or *Mock-moons*; of which I could give divers *Examples*.

[y] *Solis imagines. Lunae imagines. Peucer.* f. 378

Then divers sorts of *Meteors*, caused of *Fumes* hot and dry: as *Tactes*, such as were seen in the years 3871. and 3873. at what time they *burned* so strangely in the *Heavens*, that to sight the *Heavens* were all on *fire*: or that which appeared at *Rome* in *Anno Christi* 999. *Ian.* 19. which *burned* wonderfully in the *Heavens*, with a long bright *Train*, insomuch (saith my Author) that not onely they which were in the *fields*, but also they which

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were within doors, were *stricken* with that so great a shining, as with *Lightning* breaking in upon [z] them.

z Bacmans Doom, f. 207

Then *burning Beams*; such as in the sixteenth year of Christ were observed to fall from *Heaven*, in a dreadfull manner at *Rome*.

Then *Pillars*, both *Round* and *Pyramidal*; *Spears* or *Darts*, *Lances* or *Swords*, *Leaping Goats*, *wandring* and *licking Lights*, *Ignes fatui*, or foolish Fires, *shooting stars*, *flying Dragons*; besides many other sorts of *Meteors* or * *Prodigies*, which I passe by on purpose here, for that I may the more conveniently meet with them in the *third Part*: and therefore this shall suffice for *answer* unto the first *Question*, *viz.* What a *Prodigie* is? I come to the second, which is,

* See Wolf. Meteor. in meteorolog. fol. 102

## Quest. 2. Whether a Prodigie have a Naturall Cause?

*Respons.* That a *Prodigie* hath a Naturall Cause, is carried in the *affirmative* by most *Philosophers*; and the learned *Plutarch* [a] peremptorily concludes, That it is our *ignorance* onely of things, that makes them seem to us both *Prodigious* and *Miraculous*; whereas (saith he) were the *true cause* known, or hunted out, the *Wonder* would quickly abate; and that which before was deemed *monstrous* and *wonderfull*, would *become* very *common*, if not *contemptible*.

a Thes. sympos. lib. 5

b Duberius, fol. 15

The *Nightingale* of *France* agrees it [b] thus:

*Ile not deny but that a Learned Man*
*May yeild some Reason (if he list to scan)*
*Of all that moves under Heavens hollow cope.*

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It is a *Rule* (saith [e] one) That such things that are *strange* may be derived both from *naturall causes*, and also include *God*, the *chief* and *best cause* of all *things*; by whose admired *Providence* each thing is ordered, and by whose *unspeakable wisdom* each particular Change hath been Decreed; yea, even in the *course of Nature*, he both *foresaw* and appointed how things should happen; although in respect of our *weaknesse* and *want of skill*, the searching of them out be too *abstruse* and *hard*.

e Dr. Swan in spæc. mund. p. 125

*Lucretius* put so much weight in the *scale*, to prove that *Prodigies* haue a *cause* in *nature*, that he seems to *neglect* the first *cause*, and endeavoureth with the *strength* of *Reason* to perswade men to be'eeve so, or else to bring them within the verge of his check. [d] *viz.*

d Lucret. l. 6

*Cætera, quæ fieri in terris, cœloque tuentur*
*Mortales, pavidis quam pendent mentibus sæpe,*
*Efficiunt animos humileis formidine divum,*
*Depressosq; premunt ad terram; propterea quod*
*Ignorantia causarum conferre deorum*
*Cogit ad imperium res, & concedere Regnum, &*
*Quorum operum causas nulla ratione videre*
*Possunt; hæc fieri divino Numine rentur, &c.*

[e] Thus Englished by one.

e Charit. Eth. Con. p. 153

*Those Bug-bear* Meteors *which the tim'rous*
*Eyes*
*Of pavid Mortals, wonder at i'th' skies;*
*And those unfrequent* Prodigies *that appear*
*On Earth* [*which their weak souls are fool'd by*
*fear,*]
*Are the sole charms that do emasculate*
*And chent mens minds to a belief of Fate,*

*And*

*And some vindictive Numen; for, because*
*Men understand not Natures critick Laws,*
*Nor her occult efficiency; they fly*
*[To salve their ignorance] to Divinity:*
*And idly rest in this, what e're befall,*
*'Twas caus'd by Providence that disposeth all.*

Here although *Lucretius* be in some part excellently *Philosophical*, and seemeth therein to agree with *Plutarch*, before cited; yet is he somewhat defective in this, *viz.* that he goeth about to exalt the *positive* power of *Nature*, or *second causes*, above the *sufficient power* of the *Deity*: Unto which, if *Nature*, or the chain of *second causes*, in its operations, be not *concatenated*, it certainly becomes empty of all power to act.

Yet I say again, so far in *favour* of this *Author*, that it is below the *courage* and true *spirit* of a *Philosopher*, or one acquainted with the Secrets of *Nature*, to startle at every *uncouth* (I might have said, not common) φαινομενα, or *Apparition* in the *Heavens*; an evil unto which the *vulgar Pate* and *Heart* doth unnecessary obeisance too often.

It is reported of *Charles* the Great, that beholding the *Comet*, or new Star, which *presaged* and *preceded* his Death, he was very inquisitive and desirous to know what it *portended*: one † (who writ his *History*) returns the words of the Prophet *Jeremy* for answer, *Et à signis cœlorum nè consternemini, quia consternantur Gentes ab illis* ‖. [i. e.] Fear not the *signs* of *Heaven*, though the *Heathen* be afraid of such. Unto which the *prudent* Emperour replies, *Nè quidem metuere ejus modi signa, sed signorum opificem causam*, [i. e.] That he did not *indeed* fear any *signs* of that *nature*,

† Eginardus.

‖ Jer. 10. 2.

*Nature*, but the *Maker* or *cause* of the Signs; A Lesson fit to be learned of all men.

And it is most certainly true, that *second causes* very seldom suffer any *detriment* or suspension, either of their *motions* or *actings* by God, which is the first *cause*; he never *denying*, or *suspending*, or withdrawing that *concurrence*, or *conjunction* of himself with them, (without which they *presently cease* to act) but onely upon some especiall *design*, to be a remembrancer to the *world*, that *Nature* and the chain of *second causes* are not [b] *Autocratorical* [i. e.] they do not perform what ordinarily they do *perform independently*, and of themselves; but that he is the *soveraign Lord* of them, and hath all their *operations* in his hands.

[b] *Good. Red.* fol. 7

The [i] *divine Poet* illustrates it farther, *viz.*

[i] *Huberus*, fol. 18

*God, the great God of Heaven sometimes delights*
*From top to toe to alter Natures rites:*
*That his strange works to Nature contrary,*
*May be fore-runners of some misery.*

*Prodigies* and *Apparitions* (saith* one) are the *declarative signs* and tokens of *Gods power*, and may be termed *miraculous*; but not so as they should want a *Naturall cause*.

[k] *Dr. Fulk meteors.*

The learned Doctor *Brown* [l] cals *Nature* the *Art of God*: and [m] *Thales Milesius* examining the sweet *Harmony*, and musical *symetry* and proportion of the *Universe*, and observing how *orderly* and *decently* it is governed and conserved, most wisely sets up his *Rest*, in this *golden* Resolve, that [illegible] it is the *artifice* or *workmanship* of God. The *excellently learned* [n] *Cardan* cals the *Heavens*,

[l] *Natures cabinet.*
[m] *Thales*
[n] *Sect. 1. Apb.* 57.

or Nature, the *Instrument* of *God*, by which he *worketh*, *enforceth* and *effecteth* every thing.

All which *imply*, that God doth nothing *contrary* to the order of *second causes*, or *Nature*, but doth rather *act Nature* in an extraordinary way, to shew that he is not tyed to one *way* or manner of Working.

When God sent a *Star* (as the happy πρόδρομος of mans *Redemption* from slavery) before the coming of *Christ*, it was not a *miraculous*, but a *Naturall star*. For, had it been a *miraculous star*, how then could the *wise men* or *Astrologers* have seen the signification of it by the *Science* of *Stars*? True it it is, that the *star* was acted in an *extraordinary way*, and its *motion* might be *miraculous*; but this proveth not, but that the *star* might be an *Ordinary star*. I very well know, that many *great Clerks* there are, that contend, it was a *star* made on *purpose* for this *great* and *wonderfull* Work, *viz.* to declare a *Saviour*; and one in a *Rhetorical* verse hath said as much, *viz.*

o *Houd. lib. 1 Christ. quat. 38*

*Novâ Cœlum stellâ depingitur,*
*Dum Sol novus in terris oritur.*

The Earth is *blessed* with a *new Sun*, therefore the *Heaven* is beautified with a *new Star*.

But it is onely *taken* before p *granted* by this *Author*, that the *Heavens* were beautified with a *new Star*, &c. For if it had been a *new star*, the *Astrologers* must be *supposed* to have had a *peculiar Revelation* concerning its *Portents*: whereas it is plain by the Letter of the Scripture, that they onely observed the *vertiety* of the *star*, and in their *travail* consulted

p *see Adye's candle in the dark.*

ſulted, as I have reaſon to beleeve, with the reaſon of ſome *ancient Propheſies*, which brought them the more *readily* to the place where the *young Child was*, viz. in *Bethlehem* of *Judea*: Therefore it is plain, they had no *peculiar Revelation* of its *ſignification*, nor was it a *new ſtar*. q ſee *Greg.* Notes, &c.

Again, had it been a *new ſtar*, it might be (more then) *ſuppoſed*, that the God of *ſtars* and *wonders* would have unfolded its *ſignification* unto ſome *Babe* in *Knowledge*, rather then unto the *Aſtrologers* of that time, that were acquainted with the *influences* of the *ſtars*. But God *directs* the Wiſe Men (only) by the *ſtar*, and not any other of meaner *Knowledge*: And therefore it was that *Gregory* the great obſerved an excellent *convenience* in God's directing of them thus by a *ſtar*, in theſe words, *viz.* Very *fitly* (ſaith r he) did God enable the *Knowledge* of thoſe *Wiſe Men*, that they ſhould learn *Chriſt* from the *ſtars*, who were verſed in the *obſervation* of them.

This may be *aſſected* as a *digreſſion*, however it *reſults*, That when God makes uſe of *Prodigies*, he doth not neglect the *vertue* he firſt *impreſt* on *Nature*, but rather augments to it, and *adorneth it* (by his acting it thus *prodigiouſly* and *extraordinarily*) with greater glory and *excellency*: As the *Sun beams* appearing do not extinguiſh or put out the *leſſer light* of the *Moon* and *Stars*, but ſwallow them up of a more *illuſtrious ſplendor*. Therefore *Prodigies* have a *Natural cauſe*: and God doth and may make them the *fore-runners* or *tokens* of his eſpceiall *intents* and *purpoſes*, and yet act them in a *courſe* of *Nature*, although above the *ordinary courſe*.

r Deus accommodate ad eorum ſcientiam docuit, ut qui in ſtellarum obſervatione verſabantur, ex ſtellis *Chriſtum* diſcerent.

For, if *Prodigies* ſhould proceed immedi-

ately from *God*, and have no *ground* or *footing* in Nature, it would *roundly follow*, that God should cease to work by *Instruments*, and consequently *neglect* the *chain* of Nature, or second Causes: but it is plain, God *neglects* not the *impulsive* power he first endowed *Nature*, with (for the bringing about his *highest designs*) no more then a *Prince* or *Emperour* neglects his *Laws* and *Statutes* unrepealed, when he hath a convenient occasion to use them.

* *Cameratius*

Howbeit, this cannot *exclude God* from being the chief cause (as I have formerly urged) of *Prodigies*, no more then a *Prince* who *delegates* a Person of Honour under him (and *vests* him with power convenient) to reduce some *Island*, *Plantation* or *Country* unto his obedience, can be *excluded* from being the first *cause* of such undertaking.

† *Mr. Sterry in his Epistle to a Sermon before the Parliament*

For, *per modum eminentiæ*, by way of *eminency* (saith one) *God* is the chief *cause* of every thing, and this as he is the *primum ens*, the *first being* of them. And as *Sol & homo generat hominem*, the *Sun* and *Man* beget *Man*; so, *Deus & Natura generat Prodigia*, *God* and *Nature* contribute to the *begetting* or *producing Prodigies*.

As the *Sun* causeth the Earth to *fructifie* and bring forth, and by consequence is the *essential cause* of all *Vegetables*, &c. *Sol dicitur esse causa essentialis*, &c. *God* is the *essential cause* of *Apparitions* and *Prodigies*, &c. *Sed Natura est causa materialis*, but *Nature* is the *material cause* of them; for from her *womb* they all *spring*, and in her *womb* they are all *generated*. Yea, she is *causa formalis* also; it is she alone, that like a *prudent Artificer*, or *Builder*, doth *fashioneth* and *formeth* them. So that the *formal*

mal cauſe of *Prodigies* is Natures *Fee-ſimple*, and ſhe cannot be *robbed* thereof.

The Rule of the *School-men* is, *Deus ipſe non poteſt ſupplere vicem cauſæ formalis*, [*i.e.*] God himſelf cannot ſupply the *place* or *ſtead* of a *formall cauſe*. Yet (as I before ſhewed) by way of *eminency*, he is the *cauſe of every thing*: For as in *natural* or *humane generation*, the *Father* is more worthy then the *Son*, or the *Root* more excellent then the *Branch*; ſo here in the cauſes of *Prodigies*, God being the *Father* and *Root*, muſt be *highly* ſuppoſed to be a *cauſe* eminently beyond *Nature* of them.

And therefore the *School men* teach again, *Quod eſt cauſa cauſæ, eſt etiam cauſa cauſati*, [*i. e.*] That which is the *cauſe* of the *cauſe*, is the *cauſe alſo* of what is *cauſed* by the *cauſe*.

So then, *God* being the *Father* and *original cauſe* of *Nature*, (from whoſe *pregnant womb* not onely *Prodigies*, but all things elſe *ſpring*) is in an *eminent* and *tranſcendent* manner the *cauſe* of all and every of *Natures productis*. For if *God* (as *Divines* ſpeak) be *cauſa cauſarum*, the *cauſe* of all *cauſes*, we muſt of neceſſity (not onely ſuppoſe, but) grant, that he is the *cauſe* of all the *effects* cauſed by thoſe *cauſes*.

This being then both in a *Philoſophical* and *Divine ſence* true, and ſo granted and taken; yet, *Natura eſt cauſa inſtrumentalis*. if we will give *Nature* her proper *Birth-right* and due, we muſt acknowledge her to be the only *inſtrumental cauſe*, and the Bringer of *Prodigies* forth.

*Ergo*: it freely *follows*, That *Prodigies* have a *Natural cauſe*. And ſo I deſcend to my third *Queſtion*.

## Queſt. 3. *Whether Prodigies are the Antecedents of Worldly Changes?*

*Reſpons.* I would not be thought in my anſwer to this *uncouth* Queſtion, to *detract* or *derogate* from the *Providence* of him who *ſets up*, and *puls down*, to give notice that he *alone* in an *eminent manner* ruleth in the *Kingdoms* of the [y] Sons of Men.

y Dan. 4. 21

And this is the alone *groundleſſe charge* againſt *Aſtrologers*, raiſed by their *Cynicall adverſaries*, and it hath ſo far prevailed on their *impotent* underſtandings, that were *Goliah* alive, and furniſhed with the *club of Hercules*, and with *Achans wedge*, he would never be able with all his *Gyant-like ſtrength*, to *cleave* their *ſordid Brains* from this *ſottiſh fancy*, although it be apparently untrue.

And for me to hope to *waſh* the *Blackmoor* white, and cleanſe the *Leopard from his ſpots*, would be as vain, as to imagine I might make *conſtellations* of them, they being perfectly *antipathetical* thereunto. Therefore I will wave all further *perambulations* of this nature, and for anſwer unto the *Queſtion*, I will begin with the *authority* of the learned *Moline*, *viz.*

*Non eſt negandum, & cœleſtia vel aëria oſtenta ſæpe fuiſſe prænuntia* [x] *calamitatum.* [*i. e.*] We may not *deny*, that the *Heavenly* or *aërial Prodigies* are often times the *Meſſengers* of miſery and calamity unto *Mankind*.

x Mol. f. 160.

In the year 1500. (ſaith [y] one) there appeared a *Comet* of a *dreadful greatneſſe* for eighteen

y Dr. Batmdoom.

eighteen dayes, in the North, under the Sign *Capricorn*; and the same year the *Tartarians* spoyled *Russia* and *Polonia*. *Dubartus* proves it [z] further.

[z] *Dubartus* see dayes work, f. 16

*The drops of Fire which weeping Heaven did shower*
*Upon* Lucania, *when* Rome *sent the Flower*
*Of* Italy *into the wealthy clime*
*Which* Euphrates *fats with his fruitful slime,*
*Presag'd that* Parthians *should the next year tame*
*The proud* Lucanians, *and nigh quench their name.*
*The clash of Arms, and clang of Trumpets heard*
*High in the Air, when valiant* Romans *wa'd*
*Victoriously, on the now Canton'd* Suisses,
Almans *and* Cymbrians. ——————

The Learned Mr *Lilly* adorns this Truth thus; [a] *Solet enim benignissimum Numen ubi a* Mr. Lilly *mensura flagitiorum nostrorum ad plenitudinem* in Angl. 1654. *venit, & vindictam hic totius temporariam quam æternam parat naturalium istorum effectuum occasione uti, & terrore illo ad pœnitentiam & sui respectum convertere.* He renders it in *English* thus: The *wise Creator* of *Heaven* and *Earth* is wont, when the measure of our *wickedness* comes to an *height*, rather to inflict upon us *temporal* then eternal *punishments*; and to use for our *amendments*, the occasion of these *natural effects*, thereby to convert us, with the Terrour of those *Sights*, to a *Repentance* and dutiful *Respect* of him.

And this worthy *Author* speaking of *Prodigies*, in another place saith, *In Mundo multos significent effectus mirabiles*: That in the World Apparitions and *Prodigies* signifie many wonderful *effects*.

The holy Scripture is not silent in this particular, but abundantly adds to the *weight* of it, as is *conspicuously* shewn from that *sign* in the *Heavens*, which appeared to the Children of *Israel* in [b] *Ægypt*: and that also in [c] *Joshuah's* time, of the *Sun's* standing still: but especially those *two memorable ones* at the *Birth* [d] and *Death* of our *Saviour*. Nay, if we *consult History*, we shall finde that there hath never been any *notable Apparition* or *Prodigie* seen in the *Heavens*, but hath been attended in the *sequell* with some more then ordinary καταστροφὴ, or *change* here on earth.

b Exod. 13
c Josh. 10
d mat: 2, &c.

And it is a Right-handed and *sublime truth*, that God maketh use of the *Heavens* and *Elements* for the *discovery* of his mind and intent unto the *World*, as well as of the *Tongues* of his ἄγγελοι, or *Messengers*, *viz.* his *Prophets* and *Apostles*: Yea, he speaks unto *Mankind* by them. So the *Regal Psalmist Hymmeth*; [e] *Dies ad diem eructat Sermonem, & nox ad noctem ostendit scientiam*: Our *Translation* renders, *Day* unto *Day* uttereth *Speech*, *Night* unto *Night Knowledge*. [*i. e.*] The intercourse of *Day* and *Night* speaks the mind of *God* unto *Mankind* generally: but when the *Day* or *Night* are *chequered* or *interwoven* with *Prodigies* or *sights* unusual, then do they discover the *mind* and intent of the *most High* unto *Mankind* more particularly.

e Psal. 19. 2

*Loquitur cum hominibus Deus, non modò lingva humanâ, per Prophetas, Apostolos, & Pastores; sed nonnunquam etiam in sis Elementis in formas & imagines diversas compositis.* [*i. e.*] God speaks (saith [f] one) with men, not onely with the *Tongues* of men, by *Prophets*, *Apostles* and *Teachers*, but sometimes also by the *Elements*, composed or

f Med.

*wrought*

wrought into divers Forms and Shapes.

A Learned [g] Father of the Church, after an enumeration of many wonderful Apparitions, &c. cryes out, *Omnia hæc signa sunt imminentis iræ Dei*: That they are all *signs* of the *imminent wrath of God*. One [h] illustrates it yet farther.

[g] Tertull.

[h] Dubartas sec. da. work fol. 14.

*Here in the night appears a flamisg spire;*
*There a fierce Dragon, folded all in fire:*
*Here a bright Comet; there a fiery stream:*
*Here fiying Lances, there a burning beam:*
*Here seem a horned Goat, inviron'd round*
*With fiery flakes, about the Air to bound;*
*There with long bloody hair, a Blazing star,*
*Threatning the World with Famine, plague and war.*
*To Princes death, to Kingdoms many crosses;*
*To all Estates inevitable losses:*
*To Head-men Rot; to Plow-men hapless seasons;*
*To Sailors storms; to Cities civil Treasons.*

Then the which what can be *plainer* to prove that *Prodigies* are not onely the *antecedents*, but the usual *antecedents* of *worldly changes*? I willingly pretermit an *infinite number* of *Examples* in this kind; As the many and admirable *Prodigies* precurring the death of *Cæsar*; and the innumerable company of *Ravens* seen in the Air before *Alexander* the great passed from *Media* into *Babylon*: and the perfect *Companies of armed men* seen in the Air at the time the *Grecks* had a conflict with the *Persians*: And the *fiery spears* seen in the Air before the *Sabines* invaded the *Romans*: and the three *Suns* that appeared in the *Heavens*, and in a strange manner contended each with other for *superiority*, not long

long before the cruel *Contention* that happened between *Galba*, *Otho*, and *Vitellius*, for the Empire of *Rome*; and the four *Suns* that appeared beſides the true *Sun*, in the [1] year 1233 which preſaged that *unappeaſable* Quarrell between *Henry* the third, King of *England*, and the *Lords* of the *Kingdom*: and alſo the Fore-runner of that ſad *Devaſtation* to *England* by Fire and Sword, it being then *conſumed*, and utterly deſtroyed from *Wales* to *Salisbury*, with many more, reſerving them for the third part of this *Book*, where I ſhall have more convenient occaſion for the uſe of them.

[1] *Saints Abridgm. of Chron.*

And I ſhall cloſe this Anſwer with that *divine ſentence* of [2] *Herodotus*, viz. *Cum Deus puniturus eſt gentem vel orbem, Prodigiis id ſolet prius ſignificare*: [*i.e.*] When *God* intends to *puniſh a Nation*, *Country* or *City*, he is firſt wont to give them *notice* or warning thereof by *Prodigies*. And thus have I journeyed through my firſt *Section*, *viz.* of ſome neceſſary *Diſquiſitions* concerning *Prodigies*.

[2] *Herodotus*

## SECTION II.

## *Of the Portents of this particular* APPARITION.

AND firſt of all I ſhall take the *liberty* to inform the *Reader* of the occaſion of this *Diſcourſe*, viz.

The occaſion of this diſcourſe.

Not many dayes after this *prodigious Apparition* happened in *Scotland*, it was my good *fortune* to be in the *company* of my Learned and loving Friend, M^r *W. Lilly*, at what

what time he happily had received a Letter from his *Correſpondent* there, which certified him of the *truth* of the appearance of this unuſual φαινόμενα, and he very friendly and curteouſly communicated the ſame *unto me*. A *copy* of which take as followeth.

## Innerlough, Novemb. 16. 1656.

SIR,

THis laſt Saturday after Sun-ſet, before Even ſhut in, and before ſtar-light, we had a very great fiery Dragon fall from the Heavens Weſtward ten miles from us, and came very ſoftly and low, keeping its courſe untill it came near us; then the head ſeemed to go upward again, but the tail aſcending up with a more quick motion, did hang by the Heavens, and blazed like a Blazing Star for a ſhort time; then falling again, it kept its courſe Northeaſt, for about three Leagues more, with a very great fire on the Head and Neck, ſtreaming out like a great Light, and the tail very long, like to a Blazing Star: and the length of all was near three quarters of a mile, which was ſtrange to the Spectators, ſo ſeen before night.

About three *weeks* after I received this of Mr *Lilly*, there came unto my *hands* another *Letter*, which ſpeaks ſomewhat of the ſame *thing*, from my *ingenious* friend Mr *T. Perkins* (now in *Scotland*) which being directed and written to his Brother Mr *J. P.* in *Broad-ſtreet London*, he in a friendly manner gave unto me as much thereof as concerned the fore-

forementioned *Apparition*, which I shall Insert as followeth.

## Scotland, Novemb. 22. 1656.

*I Have lately seen a strange* Prodigie *in the Heavens, which I judged convenient to communicate unto you: the sudden apparition of which did astonish many Beholders, and according to my best observance, it was this.*

*On Saturday* Novemb. 15. 1656. *at 4 hr. 15' P. M. (by my watch) appeared in the west that* Meteor *which Naturalists call* Draco Volans, *or the flying* Dragon, *which did descend and ascend very variously, for the space of three hours and a half, and somewhat more: and in its motion upward did emit strange fiery Rayes from the Head thereof. The Tail was of a great length, and fiery; and it was ever now and then chequered in a very strange manner: the whole Body seemd to be of a perfect flame. The sight from first to last was very terrible to behold; and I am of opinion, That it points out or threatens some further affliction to this Countrie.*

Thus much for the *occasion* of the *Discourse*. The Type or Figure of the Apparition *followes*.

To *examine* the Portents of this *Apparition Astrologically*, I shall follow the advice of [1] *Cardan*, who sayes, *Monstro vero & portenta clades & mortes hominum, sed non eodem modo neque statim significant; oportet autem & exortu, eorum considerare; sed illorum casus & vis non est præsentis contemplationis.* The meaning of which (for our purpose) is, When any *Monstrous* Body appears, *signifying* any generall *misfortune* or *calamity* to happen *suddenly* among men, we are to *observe* the time of its first appearance or *Rising*, &c.

He goeth yet farther, and [n] sayes, *Si locum* [illegible] *& figuram Cœlicam hoc, ea hora* [illegible] *in finem observabis, intelligere possis* [illegible] *sicut.* [*i. e.*] If the place where [illegible] happen be *considered* and compared

[n] Apl. 9.

pared with the *Figure* of *Heaven*, set to its first *appearance*, observing the *end* thereof, the *signification* of it will be better *understood*.

Take the *testimony* of [a] another: [were it in point of *Law*, two *Evidences* might *serve* the turn.] *Monstruosa & portenta quando ultra modum acciderint, hora ipsorum consideranda est; nihil accidit, quin à corporibus supercœlestibus designatur effectus.* [*i. e.*] When *prodigious* and *monstrous Bodies* appear, and shew themselves beyond the *course* of *Nature*, the hour of their *first* appearance ought to be considered: for such *accidents* never happen, but the *super-cœlestial Bodies* are the *designators* of the *effects* thereby portended.

[a] Ludov. Reg. lib. 2. aph. 86

Many *Astrologers*, in such *cases*, *attribute* much to the *Lunation* preceding, be it either *new* or *full*, and have imposed as much weight thereon, as if it had been the onely *foundation* whereon to *build* their *judgements* of the *portents* of such *Apparitions* or *Prodigies*. But I shall wave *Lunations* here, and *adhear* unto those *learned Authors* before cited, and keep to the time of this *Prodigies* first appearance, as the principal *Root* of my *Judgment*.

Now for *erecting* of the *position* of Heaven unto the *momentum temporis*, or moment of *time* it first appeared; to follow *Regiomontanus*, I must observe the *Latitude* of the place, *viz. Innerlough* in *Scotland*, where it first appeared, which is 56. degr. and then reduce the place of the *Sun* to the time of its first appearance, for he is *Calamus mensurans*, Times onely *measuring Reed*, and so gain the *cusps* of the *Houses* by the *Tables of Right and Oblique Ascentions*.

To gain the *Sun's* place, I work thus:

Loc. ☉ Novemb. $\left(\begin{matrix}15\\16\end{matrix}\right)$ die, est $\left(\begin{matrix}3.\text{gr.} & 57.\text{min.}\\ 4. & 58.\end{matrix}\right)$ ♐

difference — 1. — 1.

Then I work by the rule of proportion, and say; if 24 hor. give 61 min. what shall 4 hor. 15 min. give? *facit* 10 min. 48 sec. & thir. which number being added unto 3 degr. 57 min. of ♐, the *Sun's* place is found to be in 4 gr. 7 in 48 sec 8 th. of ♐.

Now with this number I enter the Table of Right Ascentions, and against 4 degr. of ♐ I find

| | Grad. | Min. |
|---|---|---|
| | 242 | 0 |
| The next greater Ark is | 243 | 3 |
| Difference | 1 | 3 |

Then I work by proportion thus, and say; if 60. give 73 min. what shall 7 min. 48 sec. the odd minutes and seconds of the *Sun's* place give? *facit* 10 min. which added unto

| | Grad. | Min. |
|---|---|---|
| | 242 | 0 |
| | | 10 |
| gives the Right Ascention of the *Sun* | 242 | 10 |
| Right Ascention of Time is | 63 | 45 |
| Right Ascention of M. C | 305 | 55 |
| Oblique Ascention of the Eleventh is | 335 | 55 |
| Twelfth is | 5 | 55 |
| Horoscope is | 35 | 55 |
| Second is | 65 | 55 |
| Third is | 95 | 55 |

This done, I seek in the next place what degrees and minutes of the Ecliptick will answer hereunto, under the respective elevations of every House. The elevation of the place is 56 Grad.

| | | | Grad. | Min. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The elevation of the | 11. 3 | Houses is | 36. | 33 |
| | 12. 2 | | 52. | 5 |

For the cusp of the tenth House.

| | Grad. | Min. |
|---|---|---|
| Right Ascention is | 305 | 55 |

*Proxima*

| | | Grad. | Grad. | Min. | Grad. | Min |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Proxime | major | 4 ♒ | 306. | 20 | 305. | 55 |
| | minor | 3 ♒ | 305. | 19 | 305. | 19 |
| Difference | | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 36 |

Then I say, if 60. give 61 min. what shall 36 min. give? *facit* 37 min. which added to the 3 degr. of ♒ makes the cusp of the tenth House 3 degr. 37 min. of ♒.

For the cusp of the eleventh House.

| | Grad. | Min. |
|---|---|---|
| Oblique Ascention | 33 | 55 |
| Elevation of the Pole | 36 | 33 |

| | | Grad. | Grad. | Min. | Grad. | Min |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Proxime | major | 24 ♒ | 336. | 34 | 335. | 55 |
| | minor | 23 ♒ | 335. | 51 | 335. | 51 |
| Difference | | | 0 | 43 | 0 | 4 |

If 60 give 43 min. what shall 4 min. give? *facit* 3 min. which makes the cusp of the eleventh House 23 degr. 3 min. of ♒.

For the cusp of the twelfth House.

| | Grad. | Gr. | Min. | Gr. | Min. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oblique Ascention | | | | 5 | 55 |
| Latitude is | | | | 52 | 5 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Proxime | major | 16 ♈ | 6. | 19 | 5. | 55 |
| | minor | 15 ♈ | 5. | 54 | 5. | 54 |
| Difference | | | 0 | 25 | 0 | 1 |

Then I say, if 60. give 25 min. what shall 1 min. give? *facit* 25 sec. which being lesse then half a minute, I reject it, and then the cusp of the twelfth House is 15 degr. of ♈.

For the ♌ ♍ ♎ ♏ ♐ ♑ ☉, or Ascendant.

| | Grad. | Min. |
|---|---|---|
| Oblique Ascention | 35 | 55 |
| Latitude is | 56 | |

| | | Grad. | | Grad. Min. | | Grad. Min. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Proxime | major | 16 | ♊ | 36. 20 | | 35. 55 |
| | minor | 15 | | 35. 29 | | 35 29 |
| Difference | | | | 0 51 | | 0 26 |

Then if 60. give 51 min. what ſhall 26 min. give? *facit* 22 min. which makes the cuſp of the firſt Houſe 15 degr. 22 min. of ♊.

For the ſecond Houſe.

| | Grad. | Min. |
|---|---|---|
| Oblique Aſcention | 65 | 55 |
| Elevation of the Pole | 52 | 5 |

| | | Grad. | | Grad. Min | | Grad. Min. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Proxime | major | 9 | ♋ | 66. 25 | | 65. 55 |
| | minor | 8 | | 65. 13 | | 65. 13 |
| Difference | | | | 1 12 | | 0 42 |

If 60. give 1 degr. 12 min. or 72 min. what ſhall 42 min. give? *facit* 50 min. and then the cuſp of the ſecond Houſe is 8 degr. 50 min. of ♋.

For the cuſp of the third Houſe.

| | Grad. | Min. |
|---|---|---|
| Oblique Aſcention | 95 | 55 |
| Elevation of the Pole | 36 | 33 |

| | | Grad. | | Grad. Min. | | Gr. Min. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Proxime | major | 22 | ♌ | 96. 37 | | 95. 55 |
| | minor | 21 | | 95. 25 | | 95. 25 |
| Difference | | | | 1 12 | | 0 30 |

Then I ſay, if 60. give 72 min. what ſhall 30 min. give? *facit* 36 min. which leaves 21 degr. 6 min. of ♌ for the cuſp of the third Houſe.

The Oppoſite Houſes have oppoſite Signs, egrees and minutes; as may be ſeen by the llowing Collection.

## A Collection of the Cusps of the Houses.

| Houses. | Degrees. | Minutes. | Signs. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tenth, | 3 | 37 | ♎ |
| Eleventh, | 23 | 3 | |
| Twelfth, | 15 | 0 | ♈ |
| First, | 15 | 22 | ♉ |
| Second, | 8 | 50 | ♊ |
| Third, | 21 | 36 | |

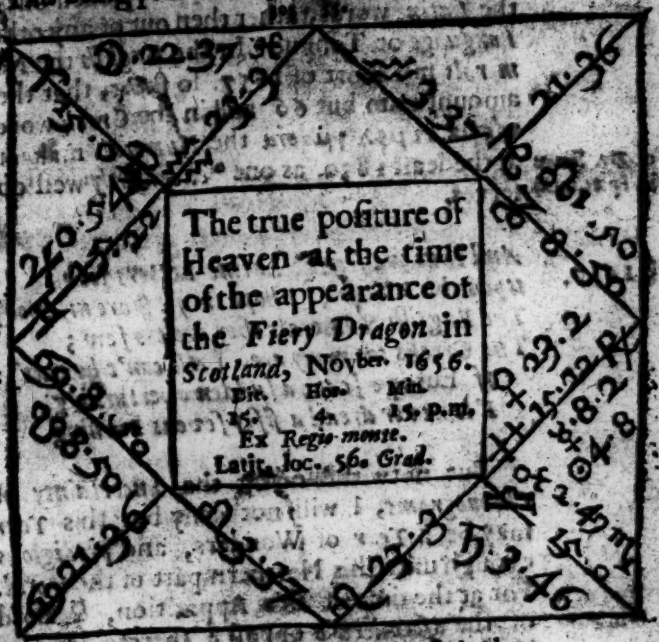
### Opposite Houses.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fourth, | 3 | 37 | ♏ |
| Fifth, | 23 | 3 | |
| Sixth, | 15 | 0 | ♐ |
| Seventh, | 15 | 22 | ♑ |
| Eighth, | 8 | 50 | ♒ |
| Ninth. | 21 | 56 | ♓ |

| Longitude of the Planets. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pla. | Degr. | Min. | Signs. |
| ♄ | 3 | 46 | ♎ |
| ♃ | 0 R. | 54 | ♊ |
| ♂ | 2 | 29 | ♍ |
| ☉ | 4 | 8 | ♏ |
| ♀ | 23 | 2 | ♏ |
| ☿ | 8 R. | 1 | ♏ |
| ☽ | 22 | 37 | ♓ |
| ☊ | 19 | 50 | ♍ |

| Latitude of the Planets. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pla. | Deg. | Min. | |
| ♄ | 2 | 14 | S. A. |
| ♃ | 0 | 58 | M. D. |
| ♂ | 0 | 42 | S. D. |
| ☉ | 0 | 0 | |
| ♀ | 0 | 54 | M. A. |
| ☿ | 0 | 46 | S. D. |
| ☽ | 4 | 52 | S. A. |

This being performed, the Figure follows:




The Figure of *Heaven* thus obtained, is the onely *proper Basis*, or *Foundation*, whereon to build my *Astrological Conjectures* of the Portents of this *miraculous* Apparition, or *Prodigie*.

As the *subject* of my *Discourse* is a *Prodigie*, so this *Celestial* Figure is *prodigious* also: It is quite *contrary* to that of the *Revolution* this year, *viz.* 1657. which by many is *termed* the year of *Wonders*, by reason (say some) of the *Numeral Letters* in this Chronogram, *MVnDI Conflagratio*; that is, The *Burning* of the *World*: which *Numerals* make up just the number of 1657. And hence they *suppose* the *burning* or consummation of the *World* is near.

But if there were any *verity* in *Chronograms*, why should those *Numerals* be picked out of the *Latine* words, rather then out of any other *Language* or Tongue? In the *English* the *Numerals* fall short of 1657. so short, that they amount unto but 66. and in the *Greek* words κόσμου συμφλεγμασία the *Numerals* make up at the least 1830. as one [o] *excellently* well observes.

o Dr. Swan in spæc. mun

*And thus we see the Latine Letters look*
*upon this* [p] *Year*; [*I hope they'l spare my book*]
*The English Numerals they are too few*;
*The Greeks too many are.* [*All can't be true*]
*If* Europe *scape a sudden overturning*,
*I'le never dread a fifty sevens Burning.*

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But notwithstanding the *uncertainty* of *Chronograms*, I will not deny but this *Year* may be a *Year* of Wonders, and *prodigious* enough unto this Northern part of the *World*. For at the time of this Apparition, ♀ Lord of the *ascendent* is opposite thereto, and in his *fall*, *Retrograde*, *cadent*, and *combust*. *Sad News*, were it throughly understood! but *who* can *help* it? ♃ the dispositor of the *place* or part of *Heaven* where this *Prodigie* first appeared, is in *Detriment*, *cadent* and *Retrograde*, and in the *twelft house* of the *Heavens*, which of the *Greeks* is called Κακοδαίμων, [*i e.*] *malus Genius*, or the house of the *evil Angel* or *Spirit*.

The ☽ which is the *Earths Planet*, and the conveyer of all the other Planets *Influxes* to us, is in □ to ♀, partly *Lady* or *Governesse* of the twelft and sixt houses, and ♀ not far from the place of this *Prodigies* first appearance: ♃ is the *Dispositor* of the ☽, and of the place of

of this *Dragons appearance.* The ♃ is in the second, *viz.* the house of *Substance*, &c. the ☉ and ♄ are in ☍ from the twelft and sixt houses, *viz.* the houses of *Dolor, Sickness, servitude, sorrow* and *Imprisonment.*

All which in an *Astrological* way, portend an *unexpected* Change, or new *fate* of *things*, quite contrary to the *imaginations, thoughts* and *expectation* of the *wisest Politician* in the *world*; a general decay of *Trade* and *Commerce*, and of the hope of the *Commonalty* also: a conflagration or destruction of the present *Felicities* and *happinesses* of the most *eminent Persons* in *Europe*; many from the *attitude* of a prosperous, high and flourishing *Condition*, will be *exposed* to a *state* of dejection, misery and trouble.

And if any should *ask me*, Why such *affliction* is probable to attend *Great* and *Imperious persons*? Let them know, that the ☉ (which representeth the *Loftiest persons* in the World) is in ☍ to ♅; and as the ☍ is from such *malignant houses* as are the twelft and sixt, the mischiefs *impending* will assault them the more *violently*, and with a far greater force.

q Magnorum principum Sol est significator. *Card.* sig. 4. Aph. 107

——— r *The highest Oak*
*Is soonest shiver'd by the Thunder-stroak.*

r *Quarles* Emblems.

Yea, there will also much *anguish, sorrow, tribulation* and *persecution* happen unto the *vulgar person*, and this to the extenuating and unriveting of his *highest* and *supreamest* hopes, as shall hereafter be shewed: For,

*If that the Lofty be not safe, how then*
*Shall they escape that are inferiour men?*

Many and *dismal*, and truly *tragical* will the *actions* of these next *three years* be among all sorts of men. *Piedmonts* Massacre (I fear me) was but the [illegible] or fore-runner of *Europes* superlative and unspeakable *evils*.

But because things look most comely when they stand in Order, I will lay down in order the several Particulars I intend to take notice of in the prosecution of this *Part*, *viz.* the *examination* of the natural portents of this *Prodigie*.

1. *The Nature of the Prodigie, with something of the element it relates to.*

2. *The place of its appearance in the Heavens.*

3. *The kinds of its effects.*

4. *Unto whom they principally relate; with the Kingdoms and Countries subject thereunto.*

5. *Of other concomitant Configurations co-operating therewith*

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## 1. The Nature of the Apparition or Prodigie; with something of the Element it relates to.

FOr the Nature of this *Prodigie*, we find by the forementioned intelligence, it was *Fiery*, and that it consisted most o the *Element of fire*, as appeared by its *violen* t and various *motions*. Not a *Dragon* on Earth could be more *furious* then this unusual *Phænomena* in the Heavens.

As the *Element of fire* is the King and Spirit of all the rest of the *Elements*, and when it prevails, consumes all *combustible* matter, and turns it into its own likenesse; so this *Apparition* being by nature *fiery*, and proceeding from the *excesse* of the fiery Element, will according to its *Nature* display its *Effects* and Influences the more furiously, and with the greater violence.

The [s] *Dragon* (by nature) is the *violentest* Creature the World produces, and Nature hath *fitted* and furnished him with strength accordingly.

s *Munst.* Cosm.

For *Naturallists* say, he is the greatest of *Serpents*; hee hath *Teeth* like a Saw, great strength in his *Tail*, sharp *sighted*, and therefore *espyes* his Prey the quicker; he dares encounter with an *Elephant*, yea, and often *killeth* him. *Pliny* [t] telleth us, that through the strength of *Poyson* in his Tongue, it is always *lifted up*, and that his Breath is so *hot*, as if he breathed *fire*. And *Munster* [v] saith, that by his *contagious Breath* he hath sometimes painted the *Air*, that the *Pestilence* hath proceeded thereof.

t Nat. Hist.

v *munst.* Cosm.

*The Dragons furious nature striveth for*
*[Twixt Earth and Heaven] to enkindle war:*
*But when his [Dragon-like] intent doth misse,*
*To send the Plague 'mongst men he active is.*

*Particulares enim excessus elementorum iræ Divinæ sunt quædam præcipua instrumenta, quod se vi summa atque præcipiti effundunt latius.* The particular *excesses* of the Elements (saith [w] one) are certain principal *Engines* of Divine Vengeance, in regard they *extend* themselves with so much *force* and *violence*.

[w] mr. *Lilly* in Annus tenebr.

That this *Prodigie* proceeded from the *excesse* of the *fiery element* is before shewed, and that it extended it self with much *force* and *violence*, is plainly demonstrated: what then should we expect but that the *God of prodigies* intendeth somewhat more then ordinary by it unto the World?

In the year 992. appeared a *fiery Serpent* in *Italy*, presaging the strange *Changes* that happened the next year there, *viz. Gregory* the third was put by his *Popedom*: *John* Bishop of *Placentia* made *Pope* in despight of the *Emperour*; which when the *Emperour* understood, he entred *Italy* with a great Army, puts out the new *Pope's* Eyes, hangs *Crescentius* (who put Pope *Gregory* out of his place) before the *City*. Many grand *Actions* of evil consequence befell *Italy* severall years after the apparition of this [y] *Prodigie*.

[y] Dr. *Bates* his Doom

And that of *Gemma* is found a *certain* truth, *Prædominium elementi ignei, ad Reges Civitatumque præfectos verum quoque publicarum maximos motus designari; præcipuè vero seditiones populi, quanquam & mutationes legum magna ex parte subsequuntur.* That is, The

predomination of the *fiery Element* (as well in such *Apparitions* as in other things) by its influence, is the Presager of *Accidents* to happen unto *Kings* and *Governours* of *Commonwealths* and *Cities*, and relates to the *seditions* and *uproars* of *People*, and alwayes designs great *changes* in *customs* and *laws*, &c.

It is reported of *Empedocles* the Philosopher, that he both *foresaw* and *foretold* an *Earth-quake* from the *motion* of the *Waters*, trembling at the *bottom* of a deep *well*. He that *observes* warily the *Maanders* and crooked turnings of *Nature*, may with ease both foresee and foretell the *admirable Changes* that shall or can happen among the Sons of Men.

What should this *famous Prodigie* signifie, but that many *Dragon-like Devils* in the shapes of *Men*, shall delight to devour the harmlesse and innocent? what its *magnitude* and long continuance, but the time (in a distinct proportion) wherein the *Dragons* and *Serpents* on Earth shall have power to destroy and consume, and in a very great *measure* according to its *magnitude*? what the various *ascentions* and *descentions* of it, but the different *Species* of *mischiefs* that are thereby likely to be perpetrated, or set on *foot*? what its appearing in the house of ♑, but divers *Rents*, *Schisms*, *Heresies* and *Villanies* in the *Church*, and among the *congregated Brethren*? what its happening thus in in a *fiery Sign*, but consummation and destruction, &c? what its appearing in the *Constellation* of the *Dragon* or *Scorpion*, but the biting effects it presages? what its arising in the third Face of ♐, being the Decanate of ♄, which signifieth *obstinacy* and *wilfulnesse*, *contrarieties*, *agility* and *quickneſſe*

The Prodigy explained

nesse in Evil, strife and horrid things, but the obstinacy, wilfulnesse, contrariety, strife, &c. among Men, and an eager pursuit of evil by them? and what else the world would be angry to hear of, or at the least incredulous. For

*Should any one tell Europe's changes right,*
*They are so brutish they'l forget it quite,*
*Or (for reward) would do him base despight.*

And this shall suffice for the *nature* of this *Prodigie*, and the Element it relates unto.

## 2. The Place of this Prodigies appearance.

AND that is ♐, or the *Archer*, which is a Sign *Bicorporeal*, *Masculine*, *Fiery* and *Cholerick*: the *Images* of the *Zodiack* in which it first appeared are the *Dragon* and *Scorpion*, wherein are a great company of *Saturnine*, *Martial* and *Venereal* stars.

[2] mr. *Lil. Introd. fol. 54*

The house of *Heaven* in which it happened is the seventh house, and signifies [2] *Wars*, *Thefts*, *Quarrels*, *Duels*, *Law-suits* and *Controversies*, &c. and very near unto the *body* of ♀, or *Venus* there.

Which portends, *Inter Plebeios & potentiores odia, mutuas simultates, dissidia, magni exercitus motum, Bella horrida, hominum strages, incendia, furta, rapinas & depopulationes.* That is, It portends great malice between the *Plebeians*, or *common People*, and *great Persons*, dissimblings and disagreements each with

with other; the motion of a great Army, horrible Wars, multitudes of Men slain; many Burnings and Thieveries, Rapines and Depopulation.

And this is the more likely to happen and fall out so, for that ♃ the Dispositor of the *Prodigie*, and ☿ Lord of the Ascendent, are both of them Retrograde, and in their Detriments, and Cadent, &c. *Notabiliter infortunantur planetæ per Retrogradationem, combustionem, peregrinationem, Detrimentum & casum.* (i.e.) Planets are extreamly unfortunate when they are either Retrograde, Combust, Peregrine, in Fall or Detriment, &c. Now as ♃ and ☿ are to be principally considered in their *Influences*, for that one is Lord of the Horoscope, and the other Disposer of the *Prodigie*, so the *Evils* portended will be the more *formidable*. Let not the *Reader* wonder to hear me *reiterate* the same thing over again; for *Repetitio*[a] *necessaria est in hac Scientia, vel ob difficultatem, vel ob necessitatem, vel ob utilitatem ingentem, vel ob contradictionem.* That is, Repetition in this *Science* is very requisite, either by reason of *necessity*, *difficulty*, exceeding *benefit*, or to avoid *contradiction*. [a] *Card.* seq. 4 Aph. 65.

Give me leave therefore to tell you, that ♃ being Lord of the place of this *Apparition*, and so ill posited, its *influences* will be the more *evilly efficacious*: and ☿ being Combust, Cadent, &c. will augment the *Evils*.

And as[b] *Origanus* saith of an *Eclipse* in the seventh house, so may I of this *Prodigies* happening there, *viz.* that it premonstrates a *decreasing* and *declining* in most things; and that they shall encline unto a *Change* apace, both *laws* and *customs*, and matters *Politi-* [b] *Orig.* tom. 2

*cal*, &c.

eal, &c. and this is the more *likely* to fall out so, for that ♃ Dispositor of this *Apparition* is in ☍ to the ☉, and in the twelft house.

*Oportet maximum impedimentum esse rerum quæ sunt in potestate signi in quo fuerit planeta cadens, aut in malo esse Solis.* There will be great *damage* and *impediment* in those things as relate to the Sign in which a Planet is posited, being either Cadent, or in evil aspect of the *Sun*. Those things signified by ♃ and ♀ come within the *compasse* of this *Aphorism*.

Look to it you *Jovialists* and *Mercurians*, your *Patrons* are weak; the *policy* of ♃ will not be *strenuous* enough to *protect* his dearest *Darlings*: there is a time for every thing, and it is your time now to be *Mourners*: Nor can the *subtilty* of ♀ prevent the *disastrous* condition of *Youth*. It is maintained by some (with no inconsiderable reasons) that the seventh house is more *inimical* to the ascendent then the eighth, and that by reason of the contrariety of *Beams*: yet I know that [c] *Rigel* saith, *Nulla divisio circuli tunc pessima tamque crudelis in omnibus quam octava est*. There is no part in the division of the Circle so ill, so cruell, or malicious in all things, as the eighth house is.

[c] Rig. Aph. 85

This I have known in *Nativities*, &c. that a Direction from the seventh house hath *killed*, when one in the eighth house hath *spared*. And if it be true in a particular *Nativity*, I see not but it may hold in general *Constitutions* or *Radixes*.

Therefore the place of this *Prodigies* appearance being thus *evil*, the *accidents* signified by it will be the more infortunate. And so I hasten to the third Particular, which shews

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## 3. The kinds of this Prodigies effects.

THe kinds of the *Effects* ought to be taken from the Planet or Planets that are simply most strong in the *Figure*, and they are ♄ and ♂: but *cum planetæ simul duo dominantur, erit judicium ex amborum significatione mixtum*, &c. saith [d] *Cardan*, (*i. e.*) when two Planets rule or govern, the judgment of them both shall be mixed in their signification. [d] Seg. 4. Apl. 21

If so, then let us hear what *Ptolomy* sayes to the signification of them both; of ♂ he saith, *Mars* [e] *ciet in Bella, seditiones intestinas, captivitates, exidia urbium, populi tumultus, principum iras, & propter eam causam subitas neces*, &c. ♂ gives notice of Wars, intestine divisions, imprisonments, besieging of Towns, popular tumults, the wrath of Princes, sudden deaths of many: also violent Diseases, eruptions of Blood, &c. In the *Air* he stirs up many *poysonous Winds*, and disperses *Thunderbolts*, *Hail-storms*, *Droughts*, great *Tempests*, causing *Shipwracks*, or trouble at *Sea*. [e] Quadr. l. 2

And ♄ signifies *Accident hominibus infirmitates de Frigido & sicco, eruntque homines & mendaces, & contentiosi, & significatur etiam ex hoc effusio sanguinis*. That is, ♄ signifies many infirmities to happen among Men, proceeding from cold and dry causes, &c. he stirs up a spirit of lying and contention among Men, and sometimes such strifes are the occasion of an effusion of Blood.

And indeed considering that this *Apparition* proceeds meerly from the *excesse* of the

fiery

fiery Element, and that both ♄ and ♂ are Essentially fortified, they may (in a great measure) signifie such kinds of *Effects*. *Ptolomy* goeth further, and [f] saith, that fiery *Apparitions* presage a drye *Air*, and want of *Rain*, and signifie *Winds* to come from that quarter of *Heaven* they appeared in: But if the *Apparitions* be carried diversly, or into divers places, they also prenote *scarcity* of Rain, and trouble in the Elements, and the incursion of *Armies*. Now if we consider the *Asterisms* it happens in, which are those of *Junonius* and *Serpentarius* (as may be seen by the *Globe*, or by *Hartgil's* Tables of the fixed Stars) wherein are many Stars of the nature of ♂ and ♄, &c. which mightily augment to this opinion of *Ptolomy*: and that there will be many *strifes*, and much *effusion of blood*, incursions of *Armies*, *slaughters*, *depopulations*, &c. is evidently demonstrated from *Oculus Tauri*, or the star in the *south Eye of the Bull*, Horoscopating at the time of the *Appearance*, a star of the first Magnitude, and hath fifteen [g] in his Constellation, is violent and of the *Nature* of ♂, and the perfect *Emblem* of *War*, *Victory* and *Bloodshed*, &c.

Thus wee see how the significations of the *Heavens*, in all respects, are linked together in those *furious* presages. The nature of the fixed stars considered, (as *Ptolomy* [h] commands) together with their *Asterisms*, spent the significations of ♄ and ♂ before-mentioned more *fully*. The *Apparition* it self shews *siccity* and *drought*, and a distempered Air, as hath been shewed. And a very Reverend *Author* [i] saith, *when the Air is distempered, heated, then it is for certain very apt so to dry and dry up the Blood in humane Bodies*

[f] Centil. aph. 99

[g] *Aratus*, de stel. fixat.

[h] Centil aph. 96

[i] Dr. Swan in Signa Cœli.

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*that thereby great store of red and adust choller may be purchased, and this stirreth up unto anger, with the thought of many furious and violent actions.*

*Europe* hath not yet felt the tithe of her Sorrows; many and *superlative* will her Miseries be: the various frowns of *Heavens* are not yet likely to *abate*. What should be the meaning of those *Apparitions*, *Chasms* and *Fightings* in the Elements, seen ofter now then of former years? What those many and terrible *Eclipses*? what the *Comet* in 1652? and now this dreadfull *Dragon*?

And all of them co-operating with the ☌ of ♄ and ♃ 164$\frac{2}{3}$. and three of those Planets Oppositions lately; and also of the many Conjunctions of the Planets which happened in the Moneth *Septemb.* 1656. What, I say, should be the meaning of all these? are they not the tokens of an *angry* and highly offended *God*? and the fore-runners of his *scourge*? do they not portend that the *choicest* of Men, like Stars, eminent for their *height* and *lustre*, shall be cast head-long from their *Thrones*, and places of *Majesty*? and that the most *eminent* Common-wealths, and the most *glorious* Churches shall be *Rolled* into Misery, Ruine and Confusion?

I am of belief, that the infinitely displeased *King of Kings* hath commissionated and delegated Ἀκάτατον, or the Prince of *Evils* to *afflict* and *punish* the World for its *Pride* and Obstinacy, and its grand *Rebellion* against Heavens.

The signs of *God's* Judgments have appeared of late years as *fast* in the Heavens (I speak it without an Ὑπερβολὴ, an *Hyperbole*) to give *notice* unto the World of approaching *Evils*, as *Job's* Messengers.

In

In the year of our Lord 1618. (to go no farther backward) there appears a *Comet* in ♏, and that had but newly began to operate, but in the years 1623. a ☌ of ♄ and ♃ is celebrated in the Sign ♌: but while this was making known its *signification* unto the world, in 1639. appears a notable *Eclipse* of the ☉; and before this had ended its *Embassage*, loe! in the year 164$\frac{2}{3}$. another ☌ of ♄ and ♃ happens; and before this had done its Errand to *Europe*, an *Eclipse* in 1645. *steps* in and brings more *ill News*; and as this was forbearing to *speak*, ♄ and ♂ makes a ☌ in ♊ in the year 1648. This had not *fully told its tale*, but in 1652. appears a terrible *Eclips* of the ☉ in ♈, *viz.* his Exaltation, and two total *Eclipses* of the ☽ the same [1] year: and as these were in the midst of their *Message*, there succeeds three Oppositions of ♄ and ♃, and an *Eclipse* of the ☉ in ♌; and these had not *fully* delivered their *Charge*, but in *Jan.* 1656. another *Eclipse* of the ☉ happens; and before this had opened its *mouth*, in *Septemb.* the same year there happens eight Conjunctions of the *Planets* in ♍; and these usher in other sad Tydings to the (before too much afflicted) *world*.

[1] Vide mr. Lil. An. Tenebr.

And *behold!* while these are yet a *speaking*, this Direfull *Prodigie* appears, to the World, that there is yet more *terrible* and *dreadfull* News a coming, *viz. Captivities; Banishments, In roads of Enemies, Wars and great slaughters, hatred* and *discontents* between *Magistrates* and their *Subjects*; *heresies* and renovations in *Religion*, changes of *Customs* and *Governments*; *Novus Rex, Nova Lex*: A generall *madnesse* and *confusion* will raign amongst men of all Conditions.

Hear

Hear what a Learned [m] *Author* to this purpose speaketh, *viz. Vapores accensi per aërem currentes, sive in forma Cometæ, sive in aliis formis, infirmitates calidas, acutæq; naturæ designant, præliaq;, & dissentiones Regnorum, &c.* [*i e.*] Kindled vapors streaming through the Air, whether in form of a *Comet*, or otherwise, point out hot Diseases of an acute quality, and also Wars, troubles and dissentions of *Kingdoms*: But if they run here and there through all parts, they demonstrate an *universal Evil.*

[m] *Rigo. Aph. 87.*

And this shall serve for the *kinds* of the *effects* presignified by this *prodigious* Meteor.

## 4. *Unto whom these Effects principally relate, with the Kingdoms and Countries subject thereto.*

IT is the *Sun* and the superiour *Planets* that are the designators of the *Effects*, therefore those persons, great or small, signified thereby, shall partake of them.

The ☉ represents *Emperours*, *Kings*, *Princes*, *Dukes*, *Marquesses*, *Earls*, &c. ♄ as he is *superiorum* [n] *Altissimus*, hath signification of *Kings*, great *Rulers*, and *Governours*: naturally of *aged men.* ♃ represents *Senatours*, *Judges*, *Councellours*, *Bishops*, *Priests*, *Cardinals*, *Clergy-men* and *Civilians* of all sorts and degrees.

[n] Vide *Oculum Enoch*, de Astron.

♂ is the Patron of *Conquerours*, *Usurpers*, and *Tyrants*, Generals of *Armies*, Souldiers of all sorts, &c. These are the kinds of Persons

that are taken notice of by this *Meteor*, and will be the alone *prodigious Actors* in its *tragedy*.

o Rig. Aph. 87

o *Signa quæ videntur in Cœlo, quæ apparuerint extra motum & cursum naturæ, nunquam eveniunt sine magna mutatione Regnorum illius climatis in quo apparuerint.* That is, Signs or *Prodigies* that are seen in the Heavens, and are observed to appear contrary to the course of Nature, do never shew themselves unto the World, without the *signification* of some *Remarkable Mutation* of the Kingdoms of that *Climate* in which they were first *visible*: What those Kingdoms are, shall anon be shewn.

It is a *maxime* in *Astrologie*, that strong Genitures change Kingdoms: And this is certain, as the *Building* is beholding to the foundation for its *standing*, and cannot stand longer then that doth handsomly support it; so *Kingdoms*, which receive that distinction of name from other parts of the *World* un-inhabited, cannot subsist but by the *presence* of *Governours*, and People living in them: for such *phrases* are to be understood by p *Metonymia subjecti*, by a *Metonymy* of the *subject*, where Kingdoms and Countries are put for the *People* that inhabit them; so that by the mutations or changes of *Kingdoms*, we must understand the *Catastrophe's* or *fals* of the *Potentates* of those Kingdoms.

p Vide Farnabel Rheti.

When was it known (as a Learned q *Author* interrogates) that such unusual *sights* appeared, and were not the Fore-runners of *things* to come? The Heavens never send forth any *great signs* which have not a *particular* relation to great *Personages*.

q Mr. Lilly in Epist. ad Scar. messeng

Most true it is, great *Personages* are as *Bute*

or

of *Marks* for the *Arrows* of Heaven to fly at, or rather for Heaven to send its *Darts* unto.

What dismal *Prodigies* preceded that eminent and *fatall change* (to let our own National *Examples* alone) befell *Bajazet* by the Instrumental means of [r] *Tamberlain*, that undaunted *Thunder-bolt of war*? But I spare *Examples*, or instances of this kind, because I shall have a fitter opportunity elsewhere.

[r] *Tamberlain* called himself *Flagellum Dei.*

Take the *Testimony* of the eminently learned [s] *Strafford*, who layes it down as an *indubitable maxime* and Demonstration, That *Meteors are the infallible antecedents of tragical events, and do commonly level their malevolent operation upon some remarkable person.*

[s] In his Speech on the Scaffold.

As this was an Eminent *Prodigie*, so the *accidents* signified by it will be Eminent also: Its Transcursion in the *Air* seem (to me) to point out the *universality* of the *Evil* it presages.

For the *lofty* and the *low*, the *rich* and the *poor*, the *Prince* and the *peasant*, do promiscuously partake of the *Effects* of all heavenly Influences, be they either for *good* or *evil*; especially in a generall way: for it is an undoubted *Truth*, that (though some particular *Fates* may be strong, yet there was never any found to be of such *power* or *force*, as to resist a generall [t] *fate*.

[t] Particular Fates cannot countermand generall Fates.

The meaning is this, let a *mean* man have an indifferent and convenient *fortune* attend him, and if the grand *Rulers* of the *place* he lives in have crosse *Influences* bending toward them, he shall (*sine dubio*) partake of the *evil* that is approaching his *Superior*.

[u] Bishop *Andr.* Expos Decal.

The *world* [u] is one uniform Body, and as the Heavens *affect* or *afflict*, all parts of the Body (in a generall way, as I said before) *partake* thereof.

Heaven is no more *partiall* in its Influences then the *God* of Heaven: It looks upon all *persons* (in *such* a respect) with an *equall* eye, regarding not the *Prince* for his power, nor disdaining the *Peasant* for his poverty: adores not the *Judge* for his Scarlet, nor detracts from the *Prisoner* for his shackles, respects not the *Souldier* for his valour, nor disrespects the *Slave* for his cowardize: No, it *aspects* all in a generall way equally, [*i. e.*] if *Wars* pester any *Nation* or *Country*, the *Lord* must engage as well as the *Slave*. If the *Pestilence*, they are *subject* alike: and so in all other generall *calamities*.

If the Heavens *smile*, the *Cedar* and the *Shrub* rejoice together; but if they *frown*, they smart alike. For the *people* are partakers with their *Princes* in their *vertues* and in their *vices*, in their *gains* and their *losses*, in their *risings* and their *ruines*, &c.

The Prince of himself is a meer *Noun adjective*, and stands not unlesse the *people* support him: they are as so many *props* or *under-setters* to uphold him, and maintain his *Princely* Power and *Prerogative*: and he again being the *Representative* of their *persons*, and the *Ocean* into which they (as the *streams*) send their Power in an *harmonious* manner gives them *Protection*; and then like the *Celestiall Gemini*, they are in their *Faiths*, *Friendships* and *Affections* Reciprocal.

And in this sence may be compared to a *Clock* or *Watch*, the *Prince* as the great *Wheel* thereof, and the *People* as the lesser *Wheels* therein; and as the great *wheel* moves, by his Motion all the rest *move*: but if the great *Wheel* stand still, none of the *others* move at all. So if a Prince move regularly or irregularly

larly, the *People* (as the *leſſer wheels*) are alwayes apt to follow; if he ſtand *ſtill*, they wait his motion.

I humbly conceive our own *times* will yeild us a very pertinent and full *demonſtration* both of the one and the *other*, and ſo ſave us the *labour* of digging into the *Abyſſe* of *Hiſtory*, for a proof or evidence thereof.

The *Comet* in 1618. beforementioned, did *level* its malevolent *operations* upon the greateſt *Perſonages* of *Europe*, both in the *Empire*, and in *France* and *Spain*, &c. But to come *nearer* home, it drove hard at *England*, and moſt part of *Brittains* Iſle. This *prodigious ſtar*, with other *concomitant Configurations* operating therewith, hath begotten a generall *Cataſtrophe* in this *Iſland*. And it is *obſervable* (and evinces our former Argument) that all the time the [*then*] *Prince* or *Governour* moved *moderately*, the People *anſwered* him with a *like* motion, and they moved *harmoniouſly* together.

But when the *Prince* (by ill *advice*, or it may be *pale face't*, *meagre Neceſſity*) began to move *irregularly*, by granting *Patents* and *Monopolies*, and levying or *raiſing Moneys* among the *People*, *contrary* to the *liberty of the Subject*; behold! the People move *irregularly* and *diſorderly* alſo: and then poor *England* (which had long before been as a *well-tuned Inſtrument* of Peace and *Bleſſedneſſe*) began to *jar*, and be extreamly out of *tune*.

I ſhould be *loath* to ſet the *wounds* of my *Native* Country a *bleeding*, by preſenting them *afreſh* to their *view*: if any deſire *ſatisfaction* on that *account*, let them *repair* to the *Chronologies* of thoſe *later times* But by the way, give me *leave* to *aſſert*, that by my

thus mentioning the *regularities* or *irregularities* of the *Prince* and *People* of this *Nation*, I do it not to lay a *blot* or *ſcandal* upon either their *Perſons* or *Principles*, but onely to *illuſtrate* my preſent *Diſcourſe*, which occaſionally called it to my *remembrance*: And to ſhew, that as *Prodigies* do level their force at the *primeſt* of *Perſons*, ſo they do not *exclude* the *Pooreſt* from *ſuffering* with *them*.

And that it may yet more perfectly and fully be *proved*, that *Signs* or *Apparitions* in the *Heavens* have *relation* to the chiefeſt of *Perſons* on *Earth*, and the moſt conſiderable *actions*, take the Teſtimony and *Experience* of the *Pillar of Aſtrology in Europe*, thus: *Let me leave* [x] *this Memorandum to Poſterity, of ſome Prodigies which our Nation are fully ſatisfied to have been ſeen in* England; *we cannot deny but that in every of the years* [y] 1644, 1645, 1646, 1647. *in ſeverall Counties of* England; *there were more frequently then in former times ſeen* Parelia, *or Mock-ſuns*; *or* Paralelenes, *or Mock moons*: *beſides, two dayes before that fatall Fight at* Marſton Moor *in* Yorkſhire, *July* 1644. *our ſelves and thouſands more beheld ſtrange Apparitions, claſhings and fightings in the Air, from about eight or nine of the clock at night, untill about eleven or twelve, with monſtrous ſhapes in the Air, and ſtrange Hyatus, gapings or openings in the Clouds.* Thus far this Learned *Author*.

[x] *Mr. Lilly in Annus Tenebr. p. 6*

[y] *England's prodigious Years.*

And indeed who is there in *England* of any *Underſtanding*, but knows that thoſe *Years*, *viz.* 1644, 1645, 1646, 1647 were the only *Years* that were *prodigious* and truly *tragical* unto this poor *Iſland*? were not all ſorts of *Perſons* from the *Crown* to the *Clown* in this *Nation* [then] like *Cæſar's Sacrifice*, or *Noe's*

*Dove*,

*Dove*, without heart? did they not all in those times of *dissemination* expect to be *swallowed up* of inevitable *misery*? were not the three *grand Evils* of *Mankind*, viz. *Sickness*, *Sword* and *Famine*, all at once let *loose* upon us?

And who was there that escaped *Charibdis* among us, that was not in danger of *Scylla*? that is, were there any that the *Sword* or *Famine* let go free, that was not in danger of the *Pestilence*?

I yet very well *remember*, that in the year 1644. or a little before, when the *Sword* began to be *brandished* [to purpose] in this *Nation*, that many or most of the *South* and *West* parts of *England* were miserably *afflicted* by the *Pestilence*.

It is almost *incredible* to write how violently it *raged* in those *parts*; not a *Country Village* [almost] but there was heard in it *lamentation*, *weeping* and *mourning*; and at that time it raged so *fiercely* in [a] *Oxford*, that it cut down a very *great number* of the *choicest men*, &c. of that *City*.

[a] Sickness in Oxford.

And I also remember, that in the year 1647 (just as the *Sword* began to be *sheathed* in this *Nation*) the *Sickness* was so *hot* and *violent* in [a] *London*, that Saint *Clements Bell* (in my own hearing) hath gone *one and twenty* times in a *day*, for *persons* that the *Pestilence* devoured.

[a] Sickness in London.

And in the same year also, and the next following one, it was, that the *famine* of *Bread* was so great in [b] *Lancashire*, and some parts of *Cheshire*, that there were *starved* some thousands to *death*, meerly for want of a *naturall sustenance*; and many thousands more might have *dyed* for want, had not the *God* of *Mercies* stirred up some *charitable* and *gene-*

[b] Famine in Lancashire and Cheshire

rous *souls* to the sending of some supply from the City of *London* (which was near 150. miles distant) unto those [then] miserable *objects* of pitty and compassion.

Nay, there were many thousands (poor *English souls*) which *narrowly* escaping those three *dreadfull enemies* of Mankind, *viz. Sicknesse, Sword* and *Famine*, that sate *just* at the *brink* of Destruction, κνώμενοι, χασμώμενοι, ναρκῶντες: that is, *shrugging, yawning* and *Benum'd* with dulnesse, like those poor *wretches* mentioned in Saint *Chrysostom*: and had not the *mercy* of some *supernatural* power preserved them, they must have inevitably *perished*.

But that I may remember my *Theam* (*viz.* the Persons, &c. unto whom this *Prodigies Effects* relate:) I must *aspect* ♃ a little more, for [c] *sub Jove Principes, Ecclesiastici, Politici Sacerdotes*: Under ♃ are *Princes, Politicians, Priests* and *Cardinals*: And these are the *Species* or *kinds* of Men, together with *Mercurialists*, that are strongly threatned to partake of the *Evils* portended by this *Prodigie*. And although I said before, that all the *superiour Planets* were concerned in the *Effects*, yet it was with this (intended) *Restriction*, that some are as *Agents*, others as *Patients*: that is, the Planets *depressed* will suffer, and the Planets *dignified* will be *active* in the *executions* of the others *sufferings*.

c Baranz. fol 224

♃ and ♀, I told you before, were *Cadent*; *Quando* [d] *Planeta est cadens à domo sua, vel à domo Exaltationis suæ, est ut vir absens à domo sua, aut civitate sua* [*i. e.*] When a Planet is cadent from his own house, or the house of his Exaltation, he is as a man absent from his own house or City.

d Bethem.

From

From this formidable *affliction* of ♄, I cannot see but that in a short time the *Presbytery* of this Nation, and of another, will probably *undergo* as great a *change* as in the year 1642 the *Bishops* did, when ♄ was afflicted in a Sign of the same *Triplicity*. And for *Princes* and *Politicians*, the ☉ being cadent, and in ☍ to ♄, undoubtedly they will unhappily and *unexpectedly suffer*: Nay, I know an eminent *Potentate* in *Europe* that hath this *Prodigie* just in the tenth of his *Nativity*.

*If God Eclipse a lofty Man,*
*No Earthly power help him can.*

And e I know an *active* Prince besides, that hath this dire *Prodigie* fall in the fourth of his *Radix*: and another who hath been *victorious* (to admiration) within these two Years, that hath it in his third house, What need I, or any of this Nation be *troubled*, if the ones *designs* meet with an unexpected *obstructive* end, and the other be forsaken of his *Kinred* and chiefest Relations, yea, of his wonted *Greatnesse* and *Glory*?

e Particular great Persons concerned in this Prodigies effects.

Nor doth it trouble me to see ♀ Lord of the ascendent in our *figure*, and of the ninth in this *Years Revolution*, in so sad and *deplorable* a condition: Nor shall I grieve to *hear* that the insulting *Priest*, and the *exacting Lawyer* of this *Nation*, be made exemplary.

History tels us that *Rome* had its Shield *dropt* down from *Heaven*, and *Troy* its divine *Image* of *Pallas*, and as long as these were preserved, it was impossible those *Cities* could be destroyed. And while *Jupiter* remained in a *Princely place*, and raigned impetiously in the *Heavens*, and free from malig-

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nous *aspects*; those persons represented by him ruled and raigned *prosperously* and *imperiously* on Earth also.

But now poor *Jove* fails and fals from his wonted *Glory*, and the *Priests* and *Lawyers* will both fail and fall with him; for ♃ is in *Detriment*, *cadent* and *Retrograde*, and in the twelft house, *viz.* the house of *Dolor*: Poor will be the *portion* of those in a *short time* that have been so *grand a plague* to others.

[f] Priests and Lawyers threatned by this Prodigy

The *Priests* and *Lawyers* were the honour of the World, untill they made their *Functions Trades*; but after they repealed the *glorious Acts* which proclaimed the end of their *Institution*, *viz.* the one to be an *Instrument* of *Salvation* to men, and the other an Assistant in the *Goods* of this *Life*: then behold they became as the [g] *Idol Image* in the *East*, which being *broken*, sent forth a *killing plague* all over the World. *Probatum est.*

[g] *Purch.* Pilgrim.

But let the ingenious *Reader* know, that I speak not this of *Priests* and *Lawyers* at large, but of the *abusive sort* of them onely; as of that *Priest* who would *tuck* up all *Powers* under a *Geneva Girdle*, and *doom* his *poor Parishioner* with a *Mene Tekel*, that will not *pay* such *Tythes* that his *over-extended Conscience* will allow him both the liberty and confidence to *demand*. For,

*Some Priests I know that preach according to*
*Christs blessed Gospel, and expect no due*
*From men: but judge that Master who engages*
*Them thus to work, sufficient to pay wages.*
*But some there are [& some such I know well]*
*(were it to save a sinners soul from Hell)*
*would ne're vouchsafe a Sermon, unless they*
*For that small trouble might have treble pay.*

And

And of that *Lawyer*, who to *cram* his own *purse*, cares not if he perſwade his *poor Client* to his utter *Ruine* and *Deſtruction*: for as a man cannot *touch pitch* without being defiled, ſo a *poor man* can hardly talk with a *knaviſh Lawyer* without being *undone*; nor a *rich man* without wonderfully being *detrimented*.

*But ſome there are that have dealt faithfully*
*With me, when I had buſineſſe to imploy*
*Them in: And ſome again I've found ſo baſe,*
*That Hell's too good to be their pleading place.*

The *Law* of it ſelf is undoubtedly *good*, and were it but *duly* and *truly* executed, as intended by the *Legiſlators*, there could never have been *adopted* ſo many *devilliſh Meanders* and crooked turnings as are now to be found therein: but *abuſus non tollit uſum*, the abuſe of a thing doth not *nulliſie* or *abrogate* the uſe of a thing. And I believe, and am ſo *charitable* to *think*, although the *Law-makers* intended to *furniſh* us of the *Commonalty* with the *excellent wine* or *Spirit* of their *tedious* and *troubleſom Reſults*, yet it was beyond their thoughts to compell us to *drink* the *dregs* therewith.

But to draw towards a *period*, give me leave to inſert a *ſtory*, *delivered* by a *holy* [h] *Father* of the *Church*, of an unuſuall *Meteor* which impended over *Conſtantinople* in the year 396. which (ſaith he) a Souldier had the happineſſe firſt of all to ſee; and his relation of it is thus: *In the beginning of the night while darkneſſe covered the Earth, there appeared a fiery cloud in the East, at firſt but ſmall, afterward by degrees, as it approached the City, it increaſed to that magnitude and greatneſſe, that in a terrible*

[h] S. Aug. lib. de Urb. exid. Tom. 9

*terrible manner it hovered over all the City: a horrible flame was alſo ſeen to deſcend from it; nor was there a ſulpherous ſmell wanting unto it. All the People fled to the Church, the place contained not the multitude; every one wreſted Baptiſm from whom he could: the health of the Sacrament was extorted, not only in the Church, but throughout the Houſes, Lanes and Streets of that City; to avoid (both the preſent, and) the future wrath of God.* Thus far this Learned and Religious Father.

i *Iſaacſon* Epiſt. to *Saturni Ephem*

Now if we conſult Hiſtory or *Chronologie*, which is the Eye thereof, we ſhall find, that in *Conſtantinople*, and in moſt parts under the *Turkiſh Empire* ſuddenly after this *dreadfull* Apparition, there were *terrible fires* and *Sicknesſes*, many *Murders*, mutations of *Laws*, abrogations of *Cuſtoms*, poyſoning of *Princes*, great *wars* and *inroads* of Enemies, miſerable *Devaſtations*, ſad ruines and *Depopulations*; nor was there *Famine* wanting.

k *Scotland* concerned in this Prodigies Effects.

What hopes have I that k *Scotland* (lately wretched enough, and now the place where this *Prodigie* firſt appeared) ſhall reſt ſecure from ſuch like ſad and miſerable *ſufferings*, as this of *Conſtantinople* and the *Turkiſh Empire*? And how ſhould *England* ſing a *Quietus eſt*, if *Scotland* be thus likely to *ſuffer*? Do we not ſee that ♊, the aſcendent of l *Englands Metropolis*, is in the *horoſcope* at the time of this *Prodigies* firſt appearance? and ☿ Lord thereof *combuſt*, *cadent*, *Retrograde*, and in *Detrimnt*? and this direfull *Prodigie* oppoſite to the Sign aſcending?

l Gemini *Londons* aſcend.

Aſſuredly (unleſſe the *God* and Father of *Prodigies* work *good* for this Nation, beyond what he *ſignifies* unto us in the *works of Nature*, or by ſecond Cauſes:) This *Prodigious*

*Meteor*

*Meteors* Influence *operating* with some other Influences beforementioned, will prove Λιθος προσκομματος, [*i. e.*] a *stone* of *stumbling* unto *poor* m *England* also: and this the rather now, for that *England* and *Scotland* are united, &c.

m *England* is also herein concern'd

Can *Scotland* suffer, and not *England* groan? Can one *flourish*, and the other not be *happy*? surely no; there is a *harmony* and *sympathy* between those *Nations*; they are *Sisters*, and live under one Govrenment and *Governour*: and as one partakes of *Plenty* or *Plagues*, the other cannot be *free*.

But it is not *England* and *Scotland* onely that are threatned by this *strange Apparition*, for that Aphorism of n *Cardan's* concerning *Eclipses* will hold true in all other *Phænomenaes* very well, *viz. Detrimenta rerum fiunt maximè locis quæ sub sunt ascendenti, & qui aspectu sunt constitutionum & his qui eidem subsunt Trigono.* [*i. e.*] Those Countries and Cities that are subject to the Sign ascending (saith he) shall suffer great *losse* and *detriment*, and those also which are in aspect thereto, and are under the same *Triplicity*.

n *Card.* seg. 7. Aph. 122

The Sign ascending is ♊, and hath with it for o Triplicity, ♎ and ♒, for □ and ☍ it hath ♍ ♐ ♓, the other aspects are aspects of *Love*, and therefore cannot be brought within the *compasse* of this *Aphorism*.

o *Orig.* Tom. 1. fol. 409

So that to *England* and *Scotland* we may adde all *Spain* and *France*, &c. but more especially the House of *Austria*; for ♎ is the *horoscope* of that House (according to the Opinion of the Learned in *Astrology*) and ♀ Lady thereof is in the seventh, near the place where this *Prodigie* first appeared, as hath been before shewed; and there in the *terms* of ♄, and

*detriment*

detriment of ♂, and the *Lumenary* of the time in *quartile* to her; but above all, we are to take *notice* that ♄, that Enemy to all *natural existencies*, is (at the time of this *Dragons* appearance) almost *stationary* in ♎, and in *October* next year, ♄ and ♂ make a ☌ in the same ♑ Sign. Mr *Lilly* in his [p] *Anglicus* this year hath a few *excellent verses*, which very well suit my present *purpose*, thus:

[p] See my Celestial Embassadour, p. 62 q. Angl. 1657, 08. Observe.

*House of* Austria *be not proud,*
*Or chant out thy Actions loud;*
*Be advised, storms are coming,*
*Such as speak thy half undoing.*

And is not ♃ (the Patron of *Spain*) *Retrograde*, and in *Detriment?* and ☿ also, who is Lord of ♏, the *horoscope* of the chief City of *France*, viz. *Paris*, *combust*, and in *Detriment*, and in the fixt house of the *Heavens?* hear what an *Arabian Astrologer* saith to such kind of *positions*: and first of ☿.

[r] *Hily de judic. Astror. pars 8*

[r] *At si ☿ cadens vel combustus, aut male affectus, fuerit vel infortunatus, aut malis locis figuræ significat, &c.* That is, If ☿ be cadent or combust, or evilly affected, and unfortunate, or in evil places of the Figure, he signifies much *losse* and *damage* unto many Persons in their *labours*, and that there shall be a neglect of the *Businesses*, *Matters* and *Negotiations* belonging to great *Persons*, and to *Kings*; many *lyes* and *falshoods* shall be spread, which shall produce many *Mischiefs* and *Terrours* among men. Much damage and *losse* to *Merchants*, *Scribes* and *Secretaries*; and the more impedited ☿ is, the stronger shall the *Evils* be.

*Sed si fuerit in sexta domo, significat multas infirmi-*

*Infirmitates in Infantibus*. But if ♀ shall be in the sixt house, he presages many *evils* and *infirmities* to happen unto *Children*. *England* and *London* look you to these *Predictions*, for I protest unfainedly they very highly *concern you*, and to your *sorrow* will be verified of you. And so I leave ♀, and come to ♃.

*At si ♃ fuerit, cadens vel Retrogradus, &c.* And if ♃ shall be cadent or Retrograde (he is both in this Figure) much *damage* shall happen unto *Kings*, *Senatours*, *Judges* of the *Law*, [look to your selves *good Lawyers*] and all the *Students* therein; and to all those of the *Ecclesiastical Function*: [they cannot escape neither] many sharp *Bickerings* and *Quarrellings*, begetting many *Imprisonments* and sudden *disgraces* to befall the *choisest* of them.

And ♃ being in ☍ to the ☉, and in the twelft, my *Author* sayes, it will move *grand Quarrels*, and *jars*, and *discontents* between *States-men* and *Church-men*; and this in so *high* a manner, and in so great a measure, that *Justice*, *Piety* and *Pleasure* shall not only abate, but manifestly fall away.

*Spain* principally is the place, and the *house of Austria*, where those *Evils* are principally to happen; yea, they will be made sensible of them in a great measure. As *Dubartus* said to *France*, so say I to *Spain*, viz.

[a] *Dubartus*, fol. 16

*Oh senselesse folk, sick of a Lethargie,*
*who to the death despise your Remedy!*
*Like froward Jades, that for no striking stir,*
*But wax more restiff, still, the more we spur.*
*The more your wounds, more your securenesse grows,*
*Eat with Afflictions, as an Asse with blows.*

*And*

*And as the sledge hardens with strokes the steel,*
*So the more beaten, still the lesse ye feel.*

The *house of Austria* and *Spain* in a short time will feel the *fury* of the influences of *Heaven*, and their *Inquisition* shall not secure or *protect* them. It is in vain, O ye greatest *Monarchs* of the *World* to fight against the Decrees of *Heaven*, and contend with him that guides *Arcturus* with his *Sons*.

I am the more peremptory, for that I see the *Patron of Spain* thus debilitated, and the *Apparitions* falling in the place of the ☽, and second house of the *King of Spain's Nativity*; and ♂ the Guardian of *England* this next year, *viz.* 1657. afflicts ♃ to purpose.

[a] see my Cœlest. Embass. pag. 92

What if God have designed *England*, or the *English Nation* to be *Flagellum Hispaniæ*, or *The scourge of Spain?* and to plague them for their many years insultings over this *Nation?* the wayes of *God* are *just*, and he hath [b] *promised* to bring the *Iofty low*.

[b] Isa. cap. 2

When I consider the dreadfull *menacings of Heaven towards Spain*, and the *dolorous condition of* ♃, the Guardian thereof, and this direfull *Prodigie* to fall in its chief ascendent, and *Iupiter's* lately past (and suddenly to come) *afflictions*; when I consider these things, I say, how can I *otherways predict?* or how should I *otherways expect*, then that *Spain* shall be made most wretchedly sensible of the sufferings of most of her *fellow Nations of Europe?* or that she shall reap the like share of *sorrow* and *trouble* as (not long since) did the *poor Irish Nation?* who as my *worthy friend* Mr *Iohn* [x] *Booker* (in his Treatise of the ♂ of ♄ and ♂ in ♉ 1646.) most *fortunately* and truly *predicted* of them, That

[x] Mr Booker in his bloody Irish Almanack, p. 21.

*Their*

*Their dayes a number small shall make,*
*Ano her shall their Country take:*
*Their children vagabonds shall be,*
*Walk up and down most wretchedly.*

The same *Author* hath delivered a *Prophetick verse* in his *Book* of this Year (I suppose aspecting the strength of ♂ and the debilities of ♃) relating to the *victory* of the *English*, and (as may be *Astrologically* interpreted) the vanquishing of the *Spaniards*: y thus,

y Mr. Booker ἐνεργὸν θεωρία, July's observ. 1637

*The Brittish Canons roar in frrraign soyles,*
*Returning Victors with their for-setcht spoyls.*

What hath been said of *Spain*, may (in a great measure) be applied unto *France*, saving that *England* will be none of her *scourge*, as I can in the *least* perceive, by all the *testimonies* I can attract from the *forementioned Figure*; therefore I shall say no more unto her then one of her own *Sons*, long since (upon *occasion* of the *Apparition* of a *Comet*) Prophetically did z deliver unto her, *viz.*

z Dubartus: fol. 16.

*Oh Frantick* France, *why dost not thou make use*
*Of strangefull signs, whereby the Heavens induce*
*Thee to Repentance? Canst thou tearlesse gaze*
*Ev'n night by night on that prodigious Blaze?*
*That hairy Comet, that long streaming star,*
*Which threatens th' Earth with Famine, Plague and War.*

But it is not *Spain* and *France* onely that this *Prodigie* hath relation to, nor *England* and *Scotland* neither; but according to the

canons of *Astrology*) all those Countries and Cities subject to the Signs before-mentioned, *viz.* ♊, ♍, ♎, ♐, ♒, ♓; and what those Countries are, may be known by my *Cœlestial Embassadour*, pag. 7. unto which I refer the Reader.

Thus have I given a brief account of this *unusual Prodigie*, and its *prodigious Effects*, and what *Countries*, &c. and *Persons*, &c. are primarily concerned therein: which if it shall be found *usefull* and *beneficiall* unto my *Country-men* of this *Nation*, I shall deem my pains spent unto a *very good end*, my aim and intent being *nothing* else but by this enquiry to awaken them from the *sleep of security*, unto which *enormous evil* they are excessively addicted.

*So* Alexander *was bid to beware,*
*How he at* Bab'lon *came, lest that he there*
*Per-force should dye. He never minds the caution,*
*And ends his dayes by an unnat'ral potion.*
*Let* Europe *know that Heavens Prodigies*
*Are the presagers of her Miseries.*

And so I descend to my last Particular, *viz.*

## 5. *Of other concomitant Configurations Operating therewith.*

THe *concomitant Configurations* that are found to Operate with this *Prodigie* for time, are [1] the three *Oppositions* of ♄ and

♆ in the year 1652, 1653. [2] the *comet* which appeared in ♉ and ♊ in the year 1652. whose *Effects* are likely to remain a long time yet. [3] The *Eclipse* of the ☉ *Aug.* 24 in the year 1654. in ♌, *viz.* his own *house*, which hath not done operating yet: which I prove thus.

The Seminocturnal Ark is $4^{hor.}\ 18^{min.}$ which substracted from $12^{hor.}$ leaves the Semidiurnal Ark $7^{hor.}\ 42^{min.}$ which doubled, make $15^{hor.}\ 24^{min.}$ and that is the Diurnal Ark, or length of the Day.

The time of the visible ☌ was $8^{hor.}\ 55^{min.}$ from which if I substract $4^{hor.}\ 18^{min.}$ the Seminocturnal Ark, the difference (which is the intervall between the *sun's* rising and his Eclipse) is $4^{hor.}\ 37^{min.}$

Then I say, if $15^{hor.}\ 24^{min.}$ give 365. dayes, what shall $4^{hor.}\ 42^{min.}$ give? *facit* 121. dayes *fere*, or 17. weeks, two dayes from the second of *August*, which is about the middle of *December* 1654. and so long it was before its *effects* began to Operate.

Now if (according to *Ptolomy*) we give for every *hour* the ☉ is Eclipsed, a *year* for the *continuation* of its Effects, this *Eclipse* continuing from first to last $2^{hor.}\ 38^{min.}$ it will be two years and almost eight moneths from the aforesaid middle of *December*, before the Effects will cease, which will not be before *August* 1657. Therefore its Effects are yet in *force*.

Then [4] the Eclipse of ☉ in ♒ 1656. [5] The many *Conjunctions* of the Planets in the moneth of *September* 1656. [6] The ☍ of ♆ and ♂ the 21. of *December* 1656. [7] The □ of ♄ and ♂ the 14. of *February* 1657. [8] the ☍ of ☉ and ♄ the 12. of *March*

1657. [9] The □ of ♅ and ♂ the 4. of *June* 1657. [10] the Eclipse of the ☽ the 15 of *June* 1657. which is *totall*, and visible to all *Europe*. [11] the □ of ♄ and ♅ on the 15. of *August* 1657. [12] The ☍ of ☉ and ♂ the 27. of *September* 1657. [13] Another □ of ♄ and ♅ *October* 1. 1657. [14] An ☍ of ♄ and ♂ *December* 5. 1657. [15] A □ of ♄ and ♂ *May* 7. 1658. [16] A □ of ♄ and ♅ *May* 18. 1658. [17] A □ of ♂ and ♅, of most *malicious* Influence on *November* 11. 1658. [18] An Eclipse of the ☽ *Novemb.* 14 1658. [19] A notable ☌ of ♄ and ♂ in ♎ on *October* 11. 1658. All these *Configurations* of direfull Influence, are and will be *co-operating* together with this dreadfull *Dragon*; which irrefragably proves that the *angry Angel of Heaven* hath not yet sheathed his *sword*, which was drawn to the terrour, and for the punishment of *Europe*.

Not one of these *Configurations* but are of more then ordinary *signification*, and therefore (as before) do *level* their Operations at the *Loftiest* Marks: For as this *Dragon* proceeded from the excesse of the *fiery Element*, &c. So these *Configurations* (before cited) do most of all *relate* thereto.

*Fire*, (by the *Author of Eccles.* in cap. 39.) is set in the first place among the *Instruments* that are created for *Vengeance*. And *Cornel. Gemma* hands unto us this Aphorism: *Elementi Ignei prædominium ad Reges, civitatumque præfectos pertinet; ignis cum agendi efficacia maximè valet; erumpit æstu horrendo ignis omnia dissipans atque consumens.* [*i. e.*] The Rule or *Dominion* of the Element of Fire relates to *Kings* and *Governours* of Cities; for the Efficacy of Fire in working is very

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fierce, and violently rusheth forth with a horrible force and vigor, dissipating and consuming all things that Oppose it. And so I come to my third Part, or *Section*, *viz.* *The Effects of Prodigies, &c.*

# A Brief CHRONOLOGY Of all the Remarkable PRODIGIES, (with the effects that succeeded them) since the Birth of CHRIST, as they have been carefully Observed by the Pains of CHRONOLOGERS.

## SECTION III.

ABout the time that our Lord and Saviour was Born, which was in the year of the world 3849. and 43. year of *Augustus Cæsar*, many wonderfull *Prodigies* shewed themselves

ſelves in the Heavens, and that more frequently then in former years, as *Joſephus* teſtifies; which occaſioned the *Magi* of thoſe times in their Predictions to conclude, that ſome more then Ordinary Perſon would riſe or appear in the World; which predictions ſome applyed to *Auguſtus Cæſar*, who then reigned proſperouſly. But the more Divinely Inſpired, interpreted them to ſignifie Him who (as the Prophet *Eſay* ſaith) ſhould have his Government on his Shoulders, even the Saviour of the whole world.

Now the Birth of *Chriſt* (among Chriſtians) being accepted of as the moſt principall Epoche, I adjudged it convenient to dig ſo far into the golden Mines of Chronologie and Hiſtory, and hand unto the World a brief of all the Principall Prodigies, with their effects ſince that time; which take as followeth.

| Anno Christi | The kinds of Prodigies. | Their Effects. |
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| 5<br>6 | Prodigious Births in *Germany*. Armies in the Air seen at *Rome*. | *Tiberius* obtains a Victory against the *Catchi* in *Germany*, he subdues the *Lumbards*. The *Pannonii* rebel. A very great Famine in *Rome*. |
| 10 | A terrible Eclipse of the ☉. Prodigious storms of Rain and Hail. | The *Pannonian* War is ended. The second *Germane* war began. *Varus* defeated, and killeth himself. The *Illyrians* subdued by *Tiberius*. *Ovid* banished *Rome*. |
| 12<br>13 | In *Cypres* a great Earth-quake, that overthrew many Cities. Christ disputes with the Doctors. A great and terrible *Comet* then seen. | *Athenens* slain by the fall of an house. *Antipater* and *Philip* build *Cæsarea*, *Philippi* and *Bethsaida* in honour of *Augustus*. *Caligula* Born. *Augustus* granteth the Tribunes power to *Tiberius*. |
| 15<br>16 | The light of the ☉ was seen apparently to fail. The Heaven seem to burn. Fiery Beams fell from heaven. Bloody Comets seene. Lightning strikes out the first Letter of *Cæsar*' Name. | *Vitellius* Bor. *Agrippa* slain. And *Iulia* starved to death. *Germanicus* overcometh the *Bructeri*. *Germanicus* overcometh *Arminius*. A counterfeit *Agrippa* raiseth Forces, and cometh to *Rome*, is betrayed to *Tiberius*, and executed. *Cæsar* dyes the next year. *Ovid* dyed. |
| 17 | The River *Tiber* over flowes *Rome* a gain Thirteen Cities | *Gutherius* in *Brittain* refuses to pay Tribute. *Germanicus* overcomes the *Chatti*, de- |

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| 18 | destroyed with an Earthquake. Noisom Flies in swarms. | *Cheruſci* and *Angrivarii*. *Druſus*, *Tiberius* Son, rebels, but he is ſubdued by *Camillus*. *Piſo* corrupts *Tiberius* Army in *Germany*. |
| 22 23 | Flocks of Graſhoppers. Blood rained at *Rome*. Armies fighting in the Air ſeen in *Poland* and *Rome*, &c. | *Pompey's* Theatre burned. *Sejanus* (Favourite to *Tiberius*) executed for aſpiring, his Son ſtrangled, Daughter firſt defloured by the Hangman, then put to death *Druſus* poyſoned. |
| 29 30 | An Army of Souldiers ſeen in the Air. Fiery Torches. A blazing Starre like a Sword, with many other wonderful Prodigies. | The *Arabians* defeat *Herod*. The City *Tiberias* drowned. *Tiberius* turned Tyrant, and inſtead of being called *Claudius Tiberius Nero*, they called him *Caligula*. *Tiberius Nero*. The next year *Otho* Born. |
| 33 | Great Darkneſſe in the day time, and yet no Eclipſe, from ſix a clock till nine. | In this year CHRIST *the Saviour of the World*, was put to death. *Agrippina* (wife to *Germanicus*) ſtarved to death by *Tiberius*. And *Tacitus* ſaith, *Tiberius* cauſed above a thouſand to be ſlain in *Rome*. |
| 39 | A Light from Heaven, and a voice cry- | This Prodigie was at *Pauls* Converſion, though ſome will have it to be in the 35. |

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| | ing, *Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?* | year P.C. *Caligula* would be worshipped as a God, commands it, executeth divers Knights and Gentlemen. |
| 47 | The Heavens seemed wonderfully to burn. A great Comet appeared. And it | *Valerius* killeth himself upon a false accusation. *Vespasian* goeth into *Brittain*, taketh the Isle of *Wight*. The *Romans* Overcome the *Picts* in *Scotland*. *Herod* dyeth. |
| 48 | rained Blood. Lightning fell from Heaven upon the Standards of the *Pretorian* Souldiers. | twenty thousand *Iews* slain between the Gates of the Temple. *Messalina* forceth *Silius* to repudiate his Wife, marries her, they are both slain. |
| 50 | A Phœnix seen in *Ægypt*. An Island of | A very great Famine in *Rome*, *Vertidius* banished by |
| 51 | thirty furlongs appeared in the Sea, never before seen. | *Claudius*. *Vannius* expelled his Power. *Domitian* Born. The whole Country of *Trevers* wasted by *Clodomore*. |
| 53 | In *Rome* three *Suns* appeared at once. In | *Claudius* poisoned by *Agrippina*. Three thousand *Romans* defeated in *Scotland*. |
| 54 | *England* for certain dayes the Sea seemed Blood. | *Agrippa* poisoneth *Silanus*, he poisoneth *Narcissus* for seventeen millions of Money; he poisoneth *Britanicus*. |
| 56 | A Comet of great magnitude appeared | Many *Iews* are slain by *Felix*. *Nero* begins his acts of Villany. *Cartismand* Queen |

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| | a long time together in *Italy*. | of the *Brigantes* rejects *Venutius* her Husband; he wars against her: the King of *Scotland* taketh her, and burieth her alive. |
| 59<br>60<br>61 | A terrible Eclipse of the ☉, the Stars were seen. *Nero's* Supper burned with Lightning. Earthquake at *Rome*. The ☉ Eclipsed again and again, *viz.* three times visibly in three years. | *Nero* commits incest with his Mother, and murders her. Many *Iews* perish at *Cæsarea*. The *Britains* slay seventy thousand of the *Romans*; and *Suetonius* destroyes eighty thousand of them, as he returned out of *Anglesey*, which he had taken. Saint *Mark* writeth his Gospel from the mouth of Saint *Luke*, whose Disciple he was. |
| 63<br>64 | A Comet appears. And before *Nero's* table fals Lightning. Inundation in *England*. | Christianity first into *Britain*. *Rome* is fired by the means of *Nero*; he rejoyces in that villany. This year, *viz.* 64. the *Iews* rebel, and many are slain. |
| 66<br>67 | The Ocean seemed Blood. A prodigious accident at *Colchester* in *England*, *viz.* the Image of Victory turned back. An Earth-quake in *Asia*. A Comet appeared | *Gessius Florus* slain by the *Iews*. The *Iews* War began. *Boadice* (in revenge) aided by *Corbred*, King of *Scots*, killeth seventy thousand *Romans*. *Vespasian* sent against the *Iews*. The *Romans* take *Iamnia* and *Lydo*. The *Gada-* |

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| | peared six moneths. Another Comet and three *suns* together. | *rens* yeild. *Nero* attempteth to cut the *Isthmus* in *Peloponesus*. |
| 69 70 71 72 | The *Olive* Trees and *Meadowes* remove out of their places. A strange *Bird* of notable *greatnesse*, seen at *Rome*. A *Blazing Star*, two *Eclipses* of the *Moon*, contrary to *Astronomicall* demonstration. She appears *black* and *bloody*. *Armed men* in the *Aire*. | *Ierusalem* taken by *Titus*, and many thousands slain. *Otho* killeth himself. *Cerealis* with Forces goeth into *Germany*. The *Samaritans* invade *Mœsia*, and kill *Fonteius Agrippa* *Roterdam* in *Holland* built. *Dardanus* tyrannizeth in *Scotland*: he is slain by *Corbred*, with the assistance of the People. *Cesennius Petus* expelleth *Antiochus*. |
| 76 77 | Strange *voices* heard in *Heaven*, A great *blazing Star*, or *Comet*. | The *Silures* are subdued by *Iul. Frontinus*. *Hadrian* born. A very great Pestilence in *Rome*. *Alienus* and *Marcellus* conspire the death of *Vespas*, and are executed for it. |
| 78 | Three *Cities* in *Cyprus* fell down with an *Earthquake*. | Most part of *Brittain* is subdued by *Agricola*: he putteth *Karanoth* the King to flight, and the *Scots* also. *Vespatian* dieth of a Flux. |
| 81 82 | A terrible *Comet*, the *Tomb* of *Augustus* the *Emperor* opened of [illegible] selfe. | *Haldanus* the *Sweve* restored to his Kingdom, from which he was expelled. *Titus* dieth *Linus* a Bishop of *Rome* |

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| | *Flames* of fire issued out of the Hill *Vesuvius*. | Martyred. *Domitian* repudiateth his Wife; Marrieth with the Widdow of *Titus*. |
| 89 90 | Blood rained in *Germany*. Three *suns* in *Poland*. Lightning and thunder that consumed many brave buildings. | The Emperour sends two Armies against the *Goths*, and they are both routed *Philosophers* and *Mathematicians* expelled *Rome*. *Britain* reduced to a single *Province*, at the *Emperour's* owne dispose. |
| 98 99 | An Elme Tree saluted *Apollonius Tianeus* with a distinct voyce. The *Sun* eclipsed. An Earth-quake in *Naples*. | *Coceius Nerva* dyeth. Two *Saxon Kings* rebell against *Froto*, he overcometh them, and maketh them his *Tributaryes*. Saint *John* writeth his *Epistles*. *Rome* and *France* fall at oddes The third *Persecution* began. |
| 107 | A great Earth-quake in *Asia*. Many *Prodigious* fightings in the Elements observed in *Spaine*. | The *French* and *Saxons* plant *Colonyes* in *Germany*. The *Saracens* and *Arabians* subdued. A *Bishop* of *Jerusalem* crucified *Babylon* and *Seleucia* taken. *Nero's* house burnt. |
| 112 114 | An Earth-quake in *Galatia*. At *Rome* lightning from Heaven consumes the temple of the Gods. | The *Romans* reduce severall places into *Provinces*. *Jewes* rebell in *Egypt*, and kill 200000 men. They force those which survive to eat the dead They slay 24000. |

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| | An Earth-quake at *Antioch*. Great lightning & strange windes. Horrible noises in the Earth. | in *Cyprus*; and at last are slaine themselves. The *Chaldeans* rebell. *Lucius* sent against them. He recovereth some Townes, but he burneth *Seleucia*. |
| 120 | A great Earth-quake in *Nice*. | *Brittaines*, *Scots* and *Picts* rebell. *Christians* put to |
| 123 | Another there. | death in *Asia*. *Brittaines* reduced by *Adrian*. *Apollodorus* slaine by *Hadrian*. |
| 134 | Two great Earth-quakes in *Palestina* Milk rained in *Rome*. | *Christians* persecuted by the *Jewes*. The *Jewes* rebell against the *Romans*. *Julius Severus* goeth against them. *Armenia* and *Cappadocia* wasted by *Pharosmanes*. |
| 140 | A great Earth-quake in *Rome*. A great Fire also that | The Northern *Brittaines* rebell. *Lollius* subdueth them. *Lent instituted* by |
| 142 | destroyed 340 houses, which were environd with water. A Serpent in *Arabia*. | *Thelesphorus* a Priest of *Rome*. *Mogalgus* groweth odious to the Nobility of *Scotland*; they murther him. |
| 152 | *Frogs* rained in *Constantinople*. Three *Suns* appeared there with a *Star*, and a *Rainbow*. | *Polycarpus* martyred. *Antonius Cæsar* seeing a wonderfull fire at *Rome*, causeth the persecution to cease by an *Edict* from himselfe. *Hermogenes* ran out of his wits and dyed. |
| | A very great Earth- | The *Brittaines* repine at quake |

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| | quake in *Bythinia*. The surges of the *Mediterranean Sea*, in a calm, elevated themselves to the | the *Roman* oppression, and rebell, *Agricola* subdueth them. The fourth *Persecution* began. *Vologesus* King |
| 162 | top of a *Mountain*, far distant from it, and cast the foame a great way upon the maine Land. | of the *Parthians* invades the *Emp. Verus* goeth against him, and hath good success. Divers *Sects* spring up this year, and impede the progresse of *Religion* very much. |
| | A fire in the Heavens seemed to passe from the East to the West. | *French* renew their antient League with the *Germans*. *Polycarpus* martyred at *Smyrna*. The *Germans* with an Army enter the |
| 167 | | *Empire* as far as *Italy*. *Pertinax* is sent against them, and repels them. |
| | Wolves howled in Flocks. Cresses were seen to sweat with | *Cassius* is adjudged an enemy to the State by the *Senate*; and he is slain by the *Souldiers*. This was a year wherein was great jarring among the *Bishops* and |
| 170 | teares. Raine mingled with fire fals from Heaven at *Prema*. | *Church-men* of most *Nations* concerning Religion. |
| | A great Earthquake, and many *inundations* at *Rome*. | The *Marcomanni* and *Quadi* rebell againe. The *Emperours* goes against the *Scythians*, and give them a |
| 177 | | very great overthrow. *Smyrna* in *Asia*, quite overthrown. |

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| | Many ſtrange fires fall from Heaven. | *Antonius* gives mony toward its repaire. |
| 183 | Swarmes of *Locuſts* came hovering on the ground, and deſtroyed *Corn-fields* and *Meadows*. A great Earth quake in *Aſia*. | In *Alexandria* a temple burnt. The *Brittains* Warr is ended by *Marcellus*. The *Stoes* and *Pictts* go back againe. *Dati* rebels, and is reduced to obedience by *Albinus* and *Niger*. The *Scots* of the Iſles rebell. *Gothes* do much harm in *Auſtria*. |
| 187 | The Stars were ſeen all the day long at *Rome*, ſome hung down in the middle of the Aire. | *Perennius* and his *Son* executed for *Treaſon*. *Apollonius* being accuſed for a *Chriſtian*, is ſentenced, and executed. *Hunno* of *France* Warrs with the *Romans*. |
| 190 | At *Rome* there fell a lightning from Heaven upon the *Capitoll*, and the fire encreaſing, did burn the *Library*, and all the Houſes neer it. | *Cleander* (who was in *Perennius* his place) is executed to pleaſe the people. 2000 dye in a day of the Plague at *Rome*. *Commodus* removeth the head from the *Coloſſus*, and putteth one of his owne upon it. |
| 192 | Stars in the day time continually appeared. All kind of Creatures, contrary to their natures brought forth Prodigious | The *Temples* of *Peace* and *Veſta*, &c. burnt at *Rome*. *Commodus* growing ridiculous, and the people taking notice thereof, He executeth many of them. |

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| | digious births this year. Fire consumed the Temple of peace. | *dus* is strangled by *Martia* his Concubine. *Pertinax* Consul 87 dayes, and slain by his Souldiers. |
| 194 | Fire descended from Heaven. A *Characteristicall* prodigie in the Heavens. The Stars appear very bright in the day time. | The King of *Scotland* slain by a Musitian of his Chamber, for causing one of his kindred to be executed. *Severus* goeth against *Niger*; whom he beat three times, & then slew him at *Antioch*. *Herod* besiegeth *Byzantium* (that is *Constantinople*) which seege lasted three years. |
| 195<br>196 | There were seen at *Rome* three stars about the *Sun*, very glorious. An Eagle alighted on the *Image* of a Souldier. Bees wrought their Combs upon Souldiers Engines. A sudden fire in the Aire towards the North. | *Severus* prosecuteth the War against the *Parthians*, &c. *Satrahell* coming to rule in *Scotland*, kils many of the old Lords of the Kingdome. *Constantinople* taken by famine. *Satrahell* strangled by his servants. The *Brittaines* aide *Albinus* against *Severus*, but are beaten. *Albinus* is slain, and his head sent to *Rome*. |
| 203<br>204 | A great lowing and fire in the Earth. A Whale comes a shore at the Haven of *Augustus*. A *Comet* for | *Scotland* received the faith about this time. The fift persecution began. Many from *Jerusalem* flee into the wildern sse to avoid persecution. The *Romans* wast *Ara-* |

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| | many dayes together was seen in *Rome*. | *bia*. Strange Heresies this year were broached by one *Praxeas*. |
| 208 | A *Lightning* fell from Heaven upon the Image of *Severus*, and blotted out three letters of his name. | *Severus* was then going to *Brittain*, but never returned thence; 50000 of his Army dye. Many of the *Calidonians* upon a great rebellion were massacred cruelly. |
| 219 | An *Eagle* takes away the Cap of *Diadumenus*. | *Diadumenus* is (within 14 moneths from that time) slaine. The *Brittains* rebell, and invade the *Roman* Territories. |
| 230 | Streames of fire and strange lightning seen at *Rome*. Armed men in *Muscovia* and *Polonia*. Inundation at *Venice*. | The *Persians* invade *Armenia*, and the *Romans*. They wast the *Roman* Territories. *Alectus* slain in *Battaile*. The King of *Scotland* slain by his guard. The *Emperour* goeth into *Persia*, is opposed and overcome. |
| 237 | A *blazeing Star* seen in *Rome*, that extended it selfe a great length, and burned and blazed many nights together. | *Maximilian* commeth out of *Germany* and is slain at the seege of *Aquileia* by his own Souldiers; and his body given to be torn and devoured of Dogges. *Goths* at this time became terrible to the *Roman* Empire. |
| | An Eclipse of the | *Athircoe* of *Scotland* killeth |

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| 241 | *Sun*, which (saith my Author) was so great that it made the day as dark as the night. | himselfe. Many strange Heresies were spread abroad this year. The *Persian* War initiated. The *Persian* is vanquished, and expelled in *Syria*. |
| 244 | *Sun* Eclipsed totally. A great Earthquake, which caused the Earth to gape so extreamly, that certain Cities together with their people were swallowed up. | *Gordian* is slain by *Philip*. After the death of *Philip*, the *Senate* chuse *Marcus*. He dyeth in five days; Then *Severus Hostilianus*, who dying, *Philip* the *Arabian* is chosen; and *Eusebius* calleth him the first *Christian Emperour*. |
| 257 | Thunder in the Earth, great darkneſſe, an Earthquake. The *Sea* overwhelmed many Cities in *Europe* and *Africa*. | The *Goths* take *Chalcedon* and spoyle it. They take *Nice* also. The Sickness raigeth in the *Roman* Army. The *Goths* burn the Temple of *Ephesus*; Enter *Macedonia* and *Asia*. |
| 264 | There were many exceeding great Earth-quakes, and darkneſſe for many days together. *Spears* in the Element seen at *Rome*. | The *Scythians* and *Germans* wast the *Empire*. The *French* mischief *Italy*. *Claud. Censorinus* made *Emperor* in *Italy*, and slain there. *Donald* of the Isles in *Scotland* usurped and kept the *Nobility* in feare, threatning to kill their kindred, whom he had took. |
| | An horrible Earth- | *Diocleſian* assumeth the |

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| 300 | quake at *Tire* which destroyed many buildings, and an innumerable company of people; many Monsters were also born this year. | name of Divine honour. Many *Christians* are burned in a house at *Nicodemia*. The tenth *Persecution* beginneth. In *Ægypt* are 144000 put to death, and 700000 banished. The *Persians* and *Goths* worsted. |
| 314 | A *Banner* with a *Cross* seen in the aire. *Armies* fighting. *Penilents* were seen to hover in the aire in *Spain*. | Two *Councels* called, and held this year; The one at *Arles* against the *Donatists*: The other at *Ancyra* in *Galatia* to restore the lapsed. *Arius* beginneth to broach his Heresies, is condemned by a Councel at *Alexandria*. 315. |
| 320 | This year was a Hand seen in *Lateran* at *Rome*, without a body, which in the sight of many men, writ upon a wall these words, *Hodie venenum Ecclesiæ infusurus*. (*i. e.*) To day he will pour poyson into the *Church*. | *Rome* beautified, by Constantine, Lamps and Wax-Candles in the day time used in the Church first. *Constantine* goeth into *Gaul* to appease a sedition of his Souldiers. The *French* aide the *Samarte* against the *Romans*, and in a Battell killed 46 thousand of them. |
| | A Fountain run with oyl in *Italy*. | *Constantine* and *Licinius* meet at *Chalcedon*. *Licinius* There |

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| 323 | There was also a terrible Comet seen for many days together at *Rome*. | is overthrown. *Octavian* fleeth into *Scotland*, and by the aide of *Fincomare* he recovereth *Brittain*. *Licinius* put to death. |
| 340<br>341 | An Earth-quake in *Asia* that overthrew many Cities. A child of six moneths old prophecies in *Rome*. | *Constantine* the eldest slain. The seege of *Nisibis* raised. *Constans* raised forces against the *Gauls*, he subdueth them. *Athanasius* exiled. |
| 343 | A great Eclipse of the Sun. And an *Earth-quake* that overthrew many Cities in the East. | *Paul* banished by *Constantius*. In a tumult *Hermogenes* is slain. *Constantius* persecuteth the *Clergy*. *Julius* entertaineth *Athanasius*, and other banished Catholiques. The *Arrians* are offended at it. |
| 344 | A terrible Earth-quake that shook *Antioch*, and most of the Eastern parts for a year together. | *Arius* his Heresie spreades at *Antioch*. A persecution in *Persia*. *Constantius* warreth in *Persia*, and is beaten. The *Heathen* temples shut up. *Nisibis* beseeged again by *Sapores*. |
| 349 | A great *Earth-quake* that overthrew a City into the Sea, all except a Church. *Dirachium* fell with an *Earth* | *Constantius* giveth battell to the *Persians*, and overcometh them, but his Souldiers drunk with *Wine* and *Beer*, as well as with success. The *Persians* come suddenly |

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| | *quake*, and *Rome* was shaken three days and three nights; and many other Cities in *Campania*. | on them, and make a great slaughter among them. *Magnentius* conspires against *Constance*, although he had once saved his life. |
| 350 | *Blood* rained in *Italy*. A child born in *Holland*, having two heads. A great Eclipse of the Sun, visible to all *Europe*. | *Phichimer* of *France* fighteth unadvisedly against the *Romans*, and is slain by them. *Constans* is slain by *Magnentius*. Bishop of *Constance* banished by *Constantius*, and shortly after strangled by the *Arrians*. |
| 362 | An *Earth-quake* in *Persia*, doing much harm. This year an *Ox* is said to have spoke in *Italy*. *Nicodemia* overthrown with an *Earth-quake*. | *Vandamore* taken by *Julians* Forces. *Constantius* maketh peace with *Sapores*, and shortly dyeth. *Christians* persecuted. *Iulian* to *Constantinople*. He prepares for the *Persian* War. Is slain at *Chresiphon*. The *Temple* of *Apollo Daphneus* burnt. |
| 364 | A flaming *Sword* seen in the *Heavens*. *Wool* mixed with rain fell out of the Clouds. | *Iovianus* concludeth a peace for *thirty years* with *Sapores*. He is stifled with the smoak of coales. The *Christians* are restored again. |
| 367 | Two great *Earthquakes* at *Ierusalem*. Strange fires in the Aire. Prodigious | *Sapores* entreth *Armenia*, and taketh the King, and putteth out his eyes. *Valens* banisheth many Orthodox Bishops. *Theodosius* endeamingled |

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| | storms of raine mingled with fire. *Crosses* and *Crowns* appeared in the Heavens also. | voureth to represse the *Invasion* of the *Scots* and *Picts*. *Valens* goeth into *Mœsia* against the *Goths*. *Findomark* King of *Scotland* dyeth. |
| 369 | There was a great *Inundation* in *Sicilia*; And a general *Earth-quake* over the whole *world*. | *Romachus* defeateth *Angusian* and the *Picts*. Hee tyrannizeth, and the *Nobles* cut off his *Head*. *Valens* putteth *Athanaricus* to flight. |
| 371 | Another exceeding great *Earth-quake* over all *Europe*. *Hayl* of a wonderfull greatnesse fell at *Constantinople*. *Wool* also mixed with raine fell out of the Cloudes. | The *Saxons* are subdued by *Severus*, quarter granted them; but trecherously slain by *Valentinian*. *Valentinian* lays great impositions on the *People*. King of the *Picts* endeavoureth the revenge of *Romachus*; he is defeated. He renewes his Forces again, and both *Kings* are slain. |
| 372 | At *Rome* there fell a great *Haile*, like to great stones, doing much hurt. An *Earth-quake* in divers parts of *Europe*. | *Athanasius* dyeth. *Firmus* usurpeth in *Africk*. *Theodosius* overcometh him, and forceth him to kill himselfe. The *Goths* after a three years War, make peace with the *Romans*. King of *Armenia* slain. |
| 377 | A Comet of wonderfull greatnesse And another gene- | The *Scots* and *Picts* are set at variance by *Maximus*. The *Goths* turn *Arrians*. They wast *Thrace*, *Thes-* |

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| | rall *Earth-quake* in *Cicilia.* | *Italy* and *Epirus.* *Gratian* killeth 35000 *Germans.* |
| 384 | This year appears a terrible signe in the *Heavens*, in all parts like a *Fiery Pillar.* *Tiber* overflowes again. | *Maximus* killeth *Gratian* treacherously, and possesseth *Brittain*, *France*, *Spain*, and *Affrique.* The *Vandals* and the *Lumbards* quarrell. *Priscillian* is executed at *Trevors* by *Maximms*; after an appeale to him from the Councell of *Bourdeaux.* |
| 389 | A Star in the North, bigger then the day Star, arose and shined twenty days, and vanished. A terrible storm of haile for two dayes together, doing abundance of harme. | The *Scots* and *Picts* invade *Brittain.* *Maximus* put to death by *Theodosius.* The Emperours at *Rome* triumph for *Maximus* his overthrow. The Emperours Governor killed at *Thessalonica.* *Gratian* assumes the Kindome of *Brittain*, but in short time is slaine. |
| 392 | A new Star in the Heavens, that appeared in the form of a sword for forty days together. Armed men, and Castles, seen in the Heavens in *Greece.* | *Arbogasses* a great *Courtier* strangleth *Valentinian* at *Vienna*, and setteth up *Eugenius* in the seat of *Dignity*, one that was an Officer to the *Emperor.* *Honorius* Wars against *Eugenius.* King of *France* slaine in battell. *Romans* impose a tribute on the *French.* |
| | A flame in the | *Theodosius* defeateth and |

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| 394 | aire repreſenting the ſhape of a *Dove*, which burned thirty days. At *Antioch* an *Image* in a *Womans* apparell was ſeen in the aire of huge greatneſſe and ſwifteneſſe, making ſometimes a moſt hideous noyſe there, like unto the noyſe of wild beaſts in their greateſt fury. | killeth *Eugenius* neer to *Aquileia*. *Arbogaſſes* killeth himſelfe. *Maſs* was now firſt brought into the *Church*. *Honorius* is created Emperor. St. *Hierome* is expelled the Church, for condemning the works of *Origen* by *John* Biſhop of *Ieruſalem*. The *Donatiſts* this year prevaile wonderfully. |
| 395 | A wonderfull *Earth quake* of exceeding greatneſſe, ſwiftneſſe, and continuance: It laſted ſix moneths, and ceaſed not to ſhake the Earth at all times; it was generall to all parts of the *World*. | The *French* refuſe to pay tribute, and invade *Gaul*: but they are beaten by the *Romans* at *Trevers*. *Theodoſius* dyeth at *Millan*. *Ruffinus* rebelleth, and is ſlaine by *Arcadius*. *Goths* waſt *Grecce*. |
| 399 400 | Strange *fiery Clouds* ſeen in *Conſtantinople*. An *Earthquake*, and great *Haile*. A Star like a *ſword* ſeen at *Rome*. In many places haile ſtones fell, which were bigger then a ſtone | The *Goths* divide themſelves into two *Factions*, and conſume themſelves with civill War. *Gildo* killeth his children, is forced to flee, is taken and ſtrangled. Temples and Idols deſtroyed. The *Sybills* Books burnt at *Rome*. *Gania* the *Goth* Ge- |

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| | ſtone of eight pound weight. A great *ſnow*. A great Eclipſe of the Sun. Other ſtrange *Meteres*. | nerall rebelleth. He is taken and ſlain by *Huldes* Prince of the *Huns*. *Alaricus* waſteth *Pannonia*, and *Dalmatia*, without any oppoſition. |
| 406 | Fire fals from Heaven in the Weſt of *England*. An *Earthquake* there alſo The Sea ſeemed fiery in the Nether-lands. | The *Romans* plunder *Brittain*. The *Vandals* paſs through the *Rhine* and invade *Gaul*, at the inſtigation of *Stilico*. Many Earles and Biſhops of the Eaſt baniſhed. The *Vandals* take *Mentz*, and waſt *Germany*. |
| 412 | This year the earth at *Eutica*, as if it had been ſenſible, *mourned* for ſeven days together, with a horrible lowing. At *Rome* great flocks of *Graſhoppers* were ſeen in the aire. | *Arthaulphus* entreth *France* and *Spain*; and warreth with the *Vandals*. The *Spaniards* Country parted between the *Sweves* and *Vandals*. *Pelagius* a Monk in *Brittain* begins to broach his opinions. *Heraclian* is ſlain by his own Souldiers, upon their defeat. |
| 420 | An hairy Comet was ſeen for ſome moneths together, at *Conſtantinople*, unto which it was vertical. Burning beams ſeen in the Heavens, with an *Inundation* at *Spain*. | *Conſtantius* dyeth. The *Romans* refuſe to grant a Peace to the *Vandals* and *Sweves*. The *Vandals* expelled *Vandaluzia* by *Vallia*. The *Goths* enter upon it. *Theodoſius* warreth againſt the *Perſians* in favour of the *Chriſtians* *Maximus* and *Iovinus*, for uſurping ſlain. |

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| 434 | It rained blood at *Toloſa*. A Comet of wonderfull magnitude appeared in the Heavens. In *Swedland* a *Dragon* was ſeen flying in the *Aire* | A very great *Famine* in *Conſtantinople*. Pope *Baſſus* dyeth. The *French* beſeege *Archillas*. The *Emperors* make peace with the *Vandals*. The *Goths* break peace with the *Romans*. The *Britains* war with the *Scots*. |
| 445 | The Earth ſhook four moneths together with an Earthquake at *Conſtantinople*. The ſame year a Comet was ſeen for many days together. | *Palladius* King of *Scotland* dyeth. *Attila* the *Hunne* killeth his Brother *Bleda*; and ruleth alone. The *Popes Leo* and *Hillarie* at great variance about *juriſdiction*. *Conſtance* King of the *Brittaines* ſlain by *Vortiger*. |
| 454 | Many and very different ſights ſeen in the Heavens in *England*. Speares burning ſeen at *Rome*. Many *Earth-quakes*. *Maon* eclipſed. A Comet appeared this year, and continued ten weeks. | *Valentinian* and *Aetius* ſlain. *Catigern* and *Horſa* ſlain in a Battell at *Aylesford* in *Kent*. The *Brittains* beat the *Saxons*, and drive them into the Iſle of *Thanet*. King of the *Goths* ſlain by his *Brethren*. |
| 457 | There appeared a Star of wonderfull greatneſs, over great *Brittain*, unto whoſe traine did hang a *Ball* of *fire*, like unto a *Dragon*: out o | *Martian* dyeth. *Proterius* Biſhop of *Alexandria* ſlain by the *Eutychians*. *Genſerius* is expelled *Italy*. *Theodoric* ſpoileth many Cities and Churches in *Spain*. The Conſtan |

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| | whose mouth issued two *Beames*, the one stretched beyond *France*, the other toward *Ireland*, ending in six little *beames*. | ties of *Africque* quite dismantled. The *Saxons* on *Salisbury* plain, under pretence of peace, murthered 300 of the British Nobles, and took *Vortiger*. |
| 463 | A great *Earthquake* in *Rome*, and in many parts of *Italy*. Terrible shours and great storms of *Haile*. | The *Goths* wast *Illyria*. *Beorgok* is slain in *Italy* by *Ricimer*. The *Popes* priviledg is obstructed by *Hillarius* a *Deacon* of *Rome*. |
| 464 | A great stream of blood ran for a whole day together at *Thoʃe*, a City in *France*. | Much mischief in *Brittain* occasioned by the *Saxons*. *Vortiger* at liberty, but forst to fly to the woods. *Severus* poysoned by *Ricimer*. An *Inter-regnum* for one year and eight moneths. |
| 467 | Strange lightnings in *France*. An *Earthquake* in *Germany*. The bodies of two men joyned together by the force of fire from Heaven. | *Aurelius* in *Wales* beseegeth *Vortiger*. *Mapcelinus* slain by the treachery of his owne Country-men. The *Empe-rors* Fleet betrayed to *Genericus*. The *Ostrogoths* fall out with the *Hunnes*, and overcome them. A great fire at *Constantinople*. |
| | An *Earth-quake* at *Vienna*; *Wolves* and other *Beasts* | *Ricimere* aspireth, and (being discovered) fleeth to *Milan*; He proclaimeth ward-r |

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| 471 | wander all the year through the City, and devour men. The Kings Pallace is consumed by fire. | War against the *Emperor*. He beseegeth *Rome*. Killeth *Arthemius*. *Lusitania* and *Burgundy* wasted by the *Wisi-Goths*. |
| 483 | In *Russia* Armies of Men seen in the aire. An *Earthquake*: Strange Comets. A *Rain-bow* encompassing two Suns. | *Giles* King of *Soyssons* is slain: and *Clovis* taketh many Cities. A persecution of learned men in *Africque*. *Zeno* giveth himself to *Riots* and *Cruelty*; He putting many worthy men to death. |
| 507 | This year a fiery Dart fell from Heaven in *Africa*. Dark spots were also observed in the Sun. | The *Emperor* gives the *Goths* money to depart his Dominions. *Clovis* warreth against *Alaricus* for Religion, and he killeth him. *Italy* wasted by a present sent to *Clorus*, of one hundred ships, and eight thousand men. |
| 529 | Wonderfull lightning at *Antioch*. An *Earth-quake* at *Constantinople*. Legibl Letters seen in the aire at *Rome*. It rained blood in *Peidmont* four days together. | The *Persians* war against the King of *Colchos*, and the *Emperor*. The *Vandals* put their Generall to death. The *Jewes* are suppressed. The *Emperors* General [*Mundus*] defeateth the *Getes*, who wasted *Thrace*, and entred *Illyria*. |
| | A famous Comet | The *Emperor* and the *Persians* break their peace. The seen |

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| 539 | seen in the regall signe *Sagittarie*. Flocks of Ravens at *Rome*. | *Persians* take *Antioch*: wasteth the Eastern Provinces. The *Emperor* purchaseth his peace. People ordered to pray toward the East. |
| 541 | The Element seemed on fire. Abundance of blood fell out of the Clouds upon mens *Garments*, in *France*. A Comet also appeared. An universall *Earth-quake* all over the *World*. | *Belisarius* taketh much booty from the *Persians*. The *Persians* invade the *Empire*. Three of the chiefest men in *Brittain* slain this year. *Campania* wasted by *Totilas*; He overcometh a great part of *Italy*. *Romigius* dyeth. |
| 546 | The Sea flowed up four miles in *Thrace*, and swept away many people. A great *Earth-quake* in *Constaminople*. | The *Emperor* Wars with the *Lazii*. The *Goths* setting upon the *Romans* at the seege of *Septa*, are all slain. *Totilas* beseegeth *Rome*, and taketh it. *Belisarius* recovereth it, &c. |
| 551 | Many a great *Earth-quake* in *Greece*. Many places and Cities were swallowed up. A *Boy* cast into a *fiery Furnace*, was drawn thence out without any harm. | *Totilas* wasteth *Sicily*, returneth to *Italy*, and is beseeged in *Ancona*. *Narses* sent with Forces into *Italy*. The *Romans* defeat the Fleet of *Totilas*, and raise their seege from *Ancona*. *Totilas* beseegeth *Crotona*, is slain. |
| | A *fiery Launce* in | the |

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| 555 | the Element appeared from the North, to the East. The Heavens seemed to open, and *lights* shined out for two houres space in *France*. An *Earthquake* shook *Constantinople* six week together. | The *Ostro Gothique* War in *Italy* endeth this year. *Narses* winneth *Liguria* and *Venice* from the *French*. The *Romans* rout the *Persians* at *Phasida*. The *Jews* and *Samaritans* persecute the *Christians*, and burn their *churches* in *Cæsarea*. |
| 557 | Stars burned in the Heavens. The Sea over-flowes in *Thrace*. The Earth clove asunder, and dashed together violently in many places. *Spots* were observed in the Sun and Moon, which much darkned their native light. | *Cosros* maketh peace with the *Emperor*, and fleeth his Generall, for his ill managing of the *wars*. The *Saxons* rebell in *France*, they are aided by the *Thuringi*. *Clothair* subdues them both. The *Britains* beaten at *Banbury* in *Oxford-shire* by *Kenrick*. A great *Plague* in *Constantinople*. *Clothair* burneth *Cranmns* in *Britain*. |
| 570 | At *York* in *England* the Fountains ran blood. *Blood* also fell from the *Cloudes* in *Lumbardie*. In *Kent* a Boy laughed in his Mothers *Belly*, and at *London* Trees seemed to be on *fire*. | The *Persians* begin a *war* with the *Romans*. The *Emperor* entreth into a league with the *Ethiopians*, against the *Persians*. The *Hunns* break into *Germany*, and are expelled by the *French*. The *Persians* invade *Armenia*. *Antioch* and *Daras* they take. |

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| 581 | In *Germany* a ſtrong fire was ſeen to run up and down in the *Element*. Fiery *Battailes* in the Heavens ſeen at *Rome*. *Wolves* enter *Bourdeaux* in *France*. | A *League* between *Scotland*, and *Brittain*, and the *Heptarchy*. The *Lombards* beſeege *Rome*, but are forced to depart upon the approach of the *Emperors* Forces. The *Perſian War* with the *Romans* revives again. The *Romans* prevaile. |
| 583 | Three *Suns* ſeen at *Cornwall* in *England*. Blood runs out of *breaken bread* at *Turon*. | The *Lombards* invade *France*, and are expelled. The *French* enter *Italy*; but are forced thence. The *Huns* toward *Conſtantinople* get mony to return. |
| 585 | A wonderfull deluge at *Venice* Great *Thunder* in *Liguria*. *Serpents* at *Rome*. Three *Moons* ſeen in *Scotland*. | The *Brittains* loſe the Eaſt part of their Kingdom. The *French* go with *Forces* into *Italy*. The *Perſians* twice beaten by *Philippicus* of the *Romans*. |
| 590 | A great *Inundation* in *Conſtantinople*. A *Comet* which blazed a moneth together. In the River *Tyber* were ſeen a *Dragon* and many *Serpents*. It overflowes *Rome*. An infinite company of | A *Famine* ſo great in *Brittain* that the *People* aſſembled together in *Flocks* to caſt themſelves into the *Sea*. *Romanus* recovereth much from the *Lombards*. A *Plague* ſo great in *Rome*, that (as *Gregory* reports) 800 men fell dead in an hour, in the time of the *Proceſſion*. *Authoris* is poyſoned at *Papia*, |

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| | Grashoppers in *Lumbardie*. Many *Locusts* in *France*. | The *Hunns* invade *Europe* and *Thrace*. The *Emperor* goeth against them; but they prevaile, and the *Emperor* forst to return. |
| 594 | In this year appeared a *blazeing Star*, morning and evening for a month together in *Italy*, and *Spaine*. Strange swarms of *Bees* in *England*. | The *Sclavonians* expelled out of *Thrace*. *Ethelfred* defeateth the *Brittains* at *Chester*; and slew 12000 *Monks* at *Bangor*. The *Saxons* and *Picts* fight with the *Scots* and *Brittanes*, and they sustain mutual losse. The *Emperor* and *Lombards* stand at War. |
| 596 | The Lamp of Heaven was diminished (saith mine Author) from East to West, one third part of him. A Boy born in *Constantinople* with four feet. And another having two heads. | The *Lombards* wast the *Emperors* Territories; They take *Cremona*, and therein many *Prisoners*. The *Hunns* invade the *Venetian* Territories, and defeat their *Forces*. *Ethelbert* King of *Kent*, and ten thousand with him are (by *Augustine* and his assistants preaching) converted to the Christian faith. |
| 597 | A horrible Comet seen in *Constantinople*. The Elements seen to burn in *Poland*. A fiery Launce in *Rome*. | Pope *Gregory* redeemeth many *Captives*. The *Sclavie* wast *Thrace*. The *Brittains* and *Scots* invade the *Saxons*. *France* and *Poland* are miserably wasted. |
| | A very great Co- | The *Lombards* take *Padua* |

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| | *Naples* iſſues out fire. | *ſhops* deprived. *Leodegarius* put to death. |
| 687 | A very great *Comet* at *Chriſtmas* neer that *Conſtellation* which is called *Virgilæ*. Mock-ſuns in *England*. | Great controverſie in *Rome* about a new *Pope*. King of *Scotland* ſlaine by the *Picts*. The *Emperor* defeateth the *Sclavie*. *Kenwin* the Weſt *Saxon* dyeth. |
| 690 | Thunder and lightning at *Rome*. A deluge at *Venice Tyber* overflows again. Armies in the aire in *Germany*. | The *Saracens* invade the *Roman* Territories. The *Emperor* refuſeth to take ſatisfaction. He hireth 30000 *Sclavi*, and overcometh the *Saracens*. 20000 of them revolt. |
| 722 | In *Campania wheat* was rained from Heaven, alſo *Barly* and *Pulſe* in other parts of *Italy*. Two *Comets* ſeen this *year*. | The *French* recover many of their poſſeſſions. They go into *Germany*, and ſubdue the *Bavarians* and *Almans*. *Italy* begin to chuſe themſelves ſeverall *Dukes*. |
| 735 | In *England* a moſt prodigious *Haile*. Fire ſeen to flame in the Heavens at *Rome*. An Inundation at *Conſtantinople*. | The *French* enter the territories of the *Goths*, and deſtroy their *Caſtles*. The *Lombards* aide the *French*, and expell the *Romans* from the ſeege of *Bononia*: *Pelagius* dyeth. |
| | An *Earth-quake* in | The *French* ſubdue the *Gaſcoignes* and *Almans*. *Italy* *Conſtan-* |

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| 741 | *Constantinople* for a whole year together. *Ashes* rained from Heaven. Swarms of *Bees* in *Rome*. | in a great combustion, but setled by *Pope Zacharie*. The Emperor *Constantine* putteth out the eyes of *Ardavastus* and his two Sons. |
| 746 | Oyle rained in *Spaine*. A Comet in fashion of a sword seen this year. *Crosses* fell from Heaven upon mens garments. An *Earthquake* in *Palestina* Fire rained in many parts of *France*. | A Pestilence in *Constantinople* for three years, whereby so many perished, that they wanted men to bury their *Dead*. *Sebred* the East *Saxon* slaine. The *Saracens* and the *Emperor* fight at *Cyprus*, the *Saracens* are beaten. The chief Commander of the *Hunnes* slain in *Transiluania*. |
| 755 | The Earth clove asunder in *Mesopotamia*. A great Earth-quake in *Italy*. A fiery Ball in the *Heavens* seen in *France*. | The *French* beateth the *Lombards*, spoyles their holds. *Alured's* Sons slaine by the *Danes*. The *French* win the greatest part of *Aquitane*. *Bonface* Arch-Bishop of *Mentz* slain. |
| 761 | In *September* this year there was a great Eclips of the Sun. A blazeing Star in the East for ten days together. | *Ethelin* of *Scotland* invadeth *Northumberland*, and is slaine. A rebellion in *Galloway*. The *Bulgarians* invade the Empire. *Dominico* deposed by the *Venetians* for his Tiranny, his eyes put out. |
| | Bloody and fiery Shields in the Aire. | *Constantine* killeth 12000 *Bulgarians*. He dyeth. The |

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| 776 | Many Monsters in *Rome.* A burning Launce in *England.* | *Saxons* rebell against the *French.* A rebellion in *Scotland*, the *Rebels* driven to a *Wood* and slaine. |
| 778 | A great Eclipse of the Sun. Armies of men seen in the Heavens at *France.* It rained blood also this year. Earth and Ashes fell from Heaven at *Rome.* | *Telerick* the King of *Bulgaria* is expelled by his People. *Ethelred* leaves *England. Alfwald* is murthered by *Siga.* The *Spaniard* against the *Moores.* They are aided by the *French.* The *Emperor* slayes 6000 men of the *Saracens.* |
| 786 | Wood rained out of the Element Sun Eclipsed Crosses on Mens Garment Blood rained in *Brittain.* | *Brittain* rebelleth against *France*, and is subdued. *Bavaria* rebelleth, and is forced to sue for peace. The *Hungarians* war with the *Emperor.* |
| 794 | *Tyber* overflowes again, doing much prejudice. A great *Earth quake* in *Creet* and *Constantinople.* | *Alphonsus* killeth 70000 of the *Moores*, and taketh *Lisbon* from them. The *Danes* invade *England*, but all of them almost perished. The *Armenian* Legions rebell. |
| 802 | Armies of wonderfull greatnesse seen in the Aire. And this year the Moon three times eclipsed, The Sun once, visible in one *Hemisphere.* | The Bishop of *Grada* slain by *Mauritius* The Empire is by consent divided. *Charles* transplanteth 10000 *Saxons* in *France*, to keep them in obedience. *Bohemia* is pittifully wasted. |

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| 808 | Sun and Moon eclipsed contrary to nature. Armies of men appear in the Heavens. *Mercury* seen in the Sun, like a black spot. Blood rained in *Holland*. | The *Moores* expelled *Barcinge*. The *Picts* wast *Scotland*. The *Bulgarians* kill 6000 *Greekes*, and take *Sardis*. The *Danes* subdue *Frizia*. The *Saracens* disperse themselves into divers places under six *Princes*. |
| 812 | Whole Flocks of Grashoppers in *Italy*. Two great Eclipses of the Sun. A fiery Beam seen in *England*, to appear in the Heavens. | The *Bulgarians* wast *Thrace* and *Macedonia*. The *Saracens* are defeated. *Alfonso* subdueth the *Moores*. The *Norvogians* do much harm in the *Danish* Seas. *Hungarians* rebell, but are subdued. |
| 814 | A Comet of wonderfull magnitude; the Sun darkned. An exceeding great Earth-quake. Three Suns besides the true one seen in *England*. | *Mahumet* slain by his Brother *Habdalas*. The *Bulgarians* are forced to crave peace of the Emperor for three years. King of *Denmark* is deposed. The *Spaniards* recover a great part of *Navar*. |
| 820 | A Prodigious rain fell, that rotted all the Corn in the Fields. And Inundations that hindered the Countreymans sowing. Fiery *Apparitions* often | The Emperor sendeth three Armies against the *Hungarians*. A great Famine and Pestilence in *France*. The King of *England* slain by the East Angles. *Asia* is wasted; *Constantinople* is |

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| | ſeen in the Elements. | beſeeged. *Regner* King of *Denmark* expelled. |
| 823 | Strange lightning fell from Heaven, and burned houſes, ſlew both men and beaſts in *Saxony*. In *France* a peece of *Ice* fell from the Heavens fifteen foot long, and three foot broad. Stones of great weight alſo fell from the Clouds. | Divers Nobles of *Rome* ſlaine. The *Moores* waſt the Iſlands of the *Mediterranean* Sea. *Lindentius* the *Hungarian* ſlaine, and the War endeth. *Regner* King of *Denmark* returneth, and expelleth *Harold*; and forceth him to flee into *Germany*. *Alphonſo* of *Spain* dyeth. |
| 828 | A ſtrange ſtorm of Haile that ſlew many Men, and Cattle of all ſorts in *France*. In *Vaſcovia* it rained great heapes of Wheat. *Voices* heard in the Earth. An Earthquake in *Italy*. | *Aizo* the Duke rebelleth, fleeth to the *Moores*, obtaineth Forces of them, he waſts the Countreys of *Gerunda* and *Barcinos*. The *Saracens* break into *Paleſtina*. The *Normans* come out of *Dacia* and *Norway*, and waſt the Countrey, and return againe. |
| 833 | Sun eclipſed totally, The Moon alſo. Two *Biſhops* ſeen to hover in the aire. Fire rained in *Poland*. | The *Saracens* defeated and 15000 of them brought unto *Conſtantinople*. The Biſhops of *Wincheſter* and *Sherbourn*, with their Generall are ſlain in *England*. |
| | A Tree removed it ſelfe in *France* | *Kenneth* of *Scotland* over- The |

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| 838 | The Earth swels like a *Bulwark* in *Saxony*. And many houses were burnt with fire from Heaven. Stones mixt with Haile fell from Heaven in *Italy* and *France*. A great Comet appeared this year also. | commeth the *Picts* seven times. *Drusken* and all his Nobility slaine. The *Picts* utterly routed. The *Saracens* wast *Italy*, and the Suburbs of *Rome*. The *Narentines* and *Saracens* do much injury to the *Venetians* at Sea. |
| 840 | Sparks of fire like Stars were seen to run up and down the Heavens. A Comet in ♈. A great Eclipse of the Sun. Swarmes of Bees in *Westchester* in *England*. | The *Saracens* overcome by the Emperor. The *Danes* invade *England*, and do much mischief there. The *Moores* wast *Italy*, and are expelled. The *Saracens* take *Amorium*, and many Captives *Lothair* Wars with his Brethren, 100000 men slain. |
| 844 | A great Comet this year appeared, and continued many moneths. Severall Circles seen about the Sun. Five Moons seen in *Italy* and *France* at once. An Earth-quake in *France*. | The *French* wast the Country of the *Moores*. The *Saracens* fire the Suburbs of *Rome*, and rob the Churches of Saint *Peter*, and *Paul*. The *Obotritæ vandals* rebell, and are subdued by *Lewis* King of *Germany*. |
| | This year was prodigious for many | The People of *Toleda* and *Corduba* rebell. The *Scots* Earth- |

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| 854 | Earth-quakes, hailes and whirl-windes, and many wonderful thunders and lightnings, that happened in most parts of the World. | overcome the *English*, who aided the *Picts*. The *Danes* enter the *Thames* with 250 Ships. They take *Canterbury* and *London*, and expell the King. |
| 857 | A very great fiery *Dragon* seen at *Colone*, which did much mischief. I have mentioned what, at the beginning. | The *Picts* passe into *Denmark* and *Norway*. *Michaell* fighteth with ill successe against the *Saracens*. The *Emperor* winneth most part of *France*. |
| 866 | A great and bloody Snow. The gulph of the *Adriatick* Sea, where *Venice* stands, was frozen. A Comet in the Heavens And a great Earth-quake in *France* and *Spaine*. | The *Emperor* expels the *Saracens* out of *Campania*, nto *Calabria*, and beseegeth hem in *Bari*. Many places are taken from them. *Ethelred* overcomes the *Danes*, nd slayes their King. |
| 870 | Strong haile and lightning at *Rome*. Lightning burns a Church at *Worms*. An Earth-quake in *England*. | The *Danes* expelled out of *Holland*. The *Saracens* are expelled *Ancona* They War against the *Persians*. The *Danes* land in Fife, and challenge *Scotland* for the King of *Denmark*. |
| | *Grashoppers* cover *France*, and destroy | The *Persians* aided by the the. |

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| 871 | the Corn. Cloudes in the aire like Armies encountred together, with Speares of fire brand shed. Blood rained three days & three nights in *Italy*. | *Tartar* and *Turks*, overcome the *Saracens*. *Caroloman* rebelleth, and wasteth *France*. *Constantine* in Battell overcometh the *Danes*. The *Danes* and *English* fight seven Battels. |
| 874 | *Grashoppers* flying in companies, as men in a Battell do more mischief to *France*. They are so many that they darken the aire. A great frost. This year Grashoppers in *Germany* do much mischief. | The *Normans* take *Anjou*, and spoyle the Countrey. The *Moores* wast the King of *Spains* dominions. The *Saracens* of *Tharsus* defeated by the *Emperor*, upon their *Invasion*. The Emperor dyeth at *Milan*. |
| 878 | In *Italy* great numbers of Dogges assemble together. A Comet redder then ordinary is seen. Many inundations happen this year. | The *Pope* is imprisoned by *Caroloman*. The *English* let in the *Scots*, and they put all the *Danes* to the Sword. The *Flemmings* put to death 9000 *Normans*. |
| 882 | The Sun so much obscured that the Stars appeared in the skie in the day time. An Earthquake in *Normandy*. | The *Brittains* invade *Scotland*, *Constantine* their King is killed. The *Saracens* break into *Italy*, and are expelled by the *Emperor*. The *Sclavi* wast *Austria* and *Baveria*. |

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| | A blazeing Star this year, verticall to Spain | *Guido* rebelleth, and joyneth with the *Saracens* against the *Emperor*. |
| 905 | A great Earthquake in *Germany*. A Comet of wonderfull magnitude appeared. | *England* makes a peace with *Denmark*. The *Moores* enter into *Castile* The *Vandals* and *Hungarians* rebell against the Duke of *Saxony*. |
| 912 | Four *Rainebows* seen at once in *Scotland*. Fiery Torches seen in the aire. Many great and horrible Floods in *Saxony*. A great Comet. And Stars were seen glistering to run to and fro in the Heavens. | The *Vandals* invade the *Greek Empire*, and force many Cities to become their *Tributary*. The *Saracens* take *Calabria*, and many Cities in *Italy* The Emperor for his losses to the *Hungarian*, sickneth, and shortly after dyeth. |
| 928 | Divers *Parelia's* seen in *Italy* and *Spain*. A Winter wonderfull for the excesse of cold. | The Emperor subdueth the *Vandals*, and wasteth their Countrey The *Pope* is imprisoned and strangled. The *Scots* aide the *Danes*, but are overcome. |
| 930 | Bloody Armies cover the whole Heavens for foure houres together. An Earth-quake in *England*. Many strange and monstrous | The *Vandals* invade *Saxony* The Emperors Forces kill 120000 of them neer the *Baltique* Sea. The *Scots* renew their Forces against the *Danes*, are beaten again. |

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| | births in *Rome* this year. | The *Danes* made *Tributary* to the *Empire*. |
| 935 | A Fountain ran with blood at *Genoa*. Armies fighting in the Heavens in the North of *England*. | The Duke of *Venice* entreth *Istria*, taketh *Justinopolis*, and forceth them to pay a yearly *Tribute* of 100 measures of *wine*. The *Hungarians* spoile the Countrey about *Benevent* and *Capua*. |
| 940 | The Sun appeares for certain days as if it bled. Three Comets for a fortnight together were verticall to *Germany*. An Earth-quake in *France*. | *Gonsalvus* poysoneth *Sancho* with an *Apple*. The *Russians* in a most malicious manner persecute the *Christians*. The *French* King and the *Emperor* reconciled. Divers *Conspirators* against the Emperor are discovered and executed. |
| 956 | This year produced many Prodigies. As the wonderfull haile at *Oxford* in *England*. Strange lightning, killing many *Priests* in *France*. Mighty thunders and tempests. | The *Hungarians* invade the Empire, they are reconciled to the Emperor. The Bishop of *Salsburg* calleth 100000 *Hungarians* into *Bavaria*, they are all slain there, and the Emperors eyes pluckt out. The *Italians* War with the *Pope*. The *Northumbers* and *Mercians* revolt from *Edwy*. |
| | Fire fals from Heaven. A great Earth-quake in | The *Empress* with *Zimisces* conspire the death of the *Emperor*. *Bardas* overcometh *France*. |

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| 968 | *France*. A Comet also appeared. *Crosses* fell upon Mens *Cloathes*. Wonderfull encrease of *vermine*, as of Rats and Mice. | *Leo Phocas* who rebelleth in *Asia*, and sendeth him and 100 of his Confederates into *Chios*. *Donald* murthereth the King of *Scotland* for refuseing to pardon a *Thief* of his acquaintance. |
| 973 | The Heavens seem on a great flame. A mighty frost. And a Comet appeared this year. | The Emperor *Otho* warreth against the King of *Denmark*. *Pope Bonnet* is strangled by a Noble Man of *Rome*. A great fire in *Venice*. The Duke is slaine. |
| 979 | An *Earth-quake* in *Scotland*. Armies of Fire seen a whole night together in the aire. One born in *Rome* with two heads. | *Harold* King of *Denmark* is slaine by an arrow. The *Danes* land in *Scotland*, wast divers places; The *Scots* put them to flight. They land in *Kent*, and spoyle the Isle of *Tenet*. |
| 984 | A Comet of great magnitude appeared in the Heavens, as well by day as by night, (if there were not two at that time) A great *Earthquake* in *Italy*. | *Edwy* of *England* murthered. The *Saracens* are routed in *Italy*, by *Otho*. Hedyeth of a wound received by a poysonous arrow. *Lotharius* of *France* invadeth *Lorraine*. *Abimelech* of *Spain* dyeth. |
| | Little Fishes and Corne was rained from Heaven. The Summer so excef- | A great Plague and Murren in *England*. The *Danes* land in the west, and are o- |

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| 989 | ſive hot, that it parched the Corn growing on the Earth. In ſome places many and great inundations. | vercome. The *Normans* invade the land. *Don. Sancho* rebels againſt his Father in *Spain*. The *Moores* invade the *Land*. |
| 992 | Fire riſes out of the River, and burns many places in *Rhene*. Three *ſwords* (like fire) appeared at once in the Heavens in *Spain*. | Duke of *Bavaria* dyeth. The *Danes* invade *England* with a very great Fleet. King of *Denmark* ſlain by one of his Servants. |
| 998 | A burning Torch in the Heavens. A Comet. A mighty Earth-quake. A Serpent in the Heavens. Many Flocks of Wolves go howling into Cities, and fawn upon Men like Dogges. Sparks of fire in *Rome*. | The Biſhop of *Placentia* and a Conſul of *Rome* are put to death. The *Danes* invade *England*, do much harm in the weſt Countrey, then come to *Rocheſter*, where they defeat the *Kentiſh* Forces, and depart for *Normandy*. |
| 1002 | In *Lorraine* a Fountain of water turned into perfect blood. A Comet very horrible to behold, caſting out flames on every ſide. | The *Danes* being worſted at *Oxford*, fly to a Church, and there are burnt. *Otho* poyſoned with a pair of Gloves. The *Marqueſs* baniſhed, and afterward ſlain. |

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| 1012 | A Torch was seen to burn in the Heavens like a Tower. The Moon appeared bloody. Another Spring turns to blood. A great Earth-quake at *Rome*. The Sea ove flow'd more then ordinary. | The *Danes* get a head again, and more strength, and waste many parts of *England*. They kill the Bishops of *Canterbury* and *London* The *Saxons* and the *Vandals* spoyle *Breme* and *Hamburg*. |
| 1017 | A Comet like a great beam appeared for four moneths together. Wonderfull haile and lightning, that slew many men. Fighting of Armies in the aire in *England*. | The *Saracens* invade *Italy*, and are expelled by the *Popes* Forces. The Emperor wars against the *Bohemians*, but is worsted. The Prince of *Bulgaria* slain. The Emperor subdueth all *Bulgaria*. *Cantus* the *Dane*, and *Edmund* Ironside divide *England* between them. |
| 1022 | Swarms of Locusts in *France*. Milk rained at *Rome*. An Eclipse of the Sun very great. This year there was such unseasonable weather, that many dyed through too much heat. | Divers *Polonians* rebell against the *Christians*. The Emperor overcometh the *Greeks* in *Italy*. *Bodeslaus* of *Bohemia* loseth *Cracovia*. The *Polanders* subdue *Russia*, and make it Tributary. The *Vandals* waste *Saxony*, and take *Brandenburg*. |
| | A fiery beam in the Element of | The *Moores* expelled out |

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| 1039 | mighty greatnesse. Great thunder and lightning in *Italy*. A very great Eclipse of the Sun. | of *Spain*. The *Saracens* lose thirteen Cities, to the Emperor they lose 50000 men in *Battaile*. *Conradus* Emperor of the West dyeth. |
| 1043 | A multitude of Snakes in *Rome*. Five Suns at once appeared in *England*. *Stella Crinita*, or an fairie Comet very great this year. | The *Emperor* overcometh the *Russians*, who invade his *Territories*. A great Famine in *Germany* and *France*. The *Prussians* invade *Polonia*. There are 15000 slain, and 1000 taken. The *Irish* and *welch* enter *Severn*, and do a great deal of harm. |
| 1048 | Many *Monsters* brought forth in *Britain*. A great Earth-quake in *Italy*. A *Rain-bow* with a Cross in *Germany*. Armed Souldiers in the aire in *France*. | Duke of *Normandy* expelled by his Subjects. The *Turks* enter *Armenia*, and are soundly beaten by the *Greeks*. Pope *Clement* the second is poysoned. The *Kentish* men rise, and kill many of the followers of *Eustace*. |
| 1058 | Strange encrease of Rats and Mice. Stones of a mighty greatnesse mixt with Haile, fell from Heaven, killed many. A blazing Star in *Poland*. A great Comet. | The *Saxons* rebell against the *Emperor*. 28000 are drowned in a *Pit-fall*, by the *stratagem* of two Bishops in *Holland*, as they came against the E. of *Flanders*. The *Russians* rebell in *Poland*, are reduced by *Boleslaus*. |
| | Divers fiery Laun- | *Bavaria* is wasted by the |

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| 1070 | ces seen in the Elements in *England*, to fight vigorously against each other. A horrible Earthquake in *Scicilia*. | *Emperor*. The *Scots* invade *Cumberland*, and the *English* *Scotland*. *Edgar* of *England* fleeeth into *Scotland*. The Isle of *Ely* fortified against the King, he taketh it and *tirannizeth*. |
| 1076 | A fiery Dart ran up and down in the Heavens. Three Suns at *Naples*. Women appeared in the aire of admirable shapes in *Italy*, which amazed the beholders. | The *Emperor* deposeth the *Pope*, and the *Pope* the *Emperor*; and also excommunicateth him. *Robert* the K. Son rebelleth in *Normandy* against his Father. The *Turks* take *Rhodes* and *Cyprus*. The *Hollanders* overcome the *Frizons*. *Northumberland* in *England* wasted. |
| 1081 | Great Hail storms in *England*. A very great Host of Horse-men seen in the aire. Running too and fro. At *Rome* it rained blood. | The *Emperor* beseidged *Pope Gregory* in *Rome*. The *French* King invadeth *Normandy*. *Alexius* takes *Constantinople*. The *English* invade *France*. The *Chuns* invade *Transilvania*, but are expelled. |
| 1086 | A great inundation in *Italy*. Few Moons at once in *France*, seen also in *England*. Many tam- | The *Saxons* defeat the *Emperor*, and take *Wirtz-burg* in *Franconia*, but the *Emperor* retaketh it. The *Turkish* *Emperor* dyeth. The King of *England* dyeth. *Edmund* and *Ethelred* banished by *Donald* |

Foul

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| | Foal became perfectly wild. | their *uncle*, they dye in *England*. |
| 1091 | Mighty swarms of flyes in most Countreys, so wonderfull for number that those then living, observed them to be more then ever before were either read or heard of. An inundation in *England*. A very great lightning and thunder. | *Egbert* the *Emperor* slain upon his invasion of *Hildesheim*. *Henry* goeth into *Italy* against *Matildas*, and besiegeth *Mantua*. 600 houses and the roofe of *Bow-Church* in *London* are overthrown by a wind, and much harm done thereby. *Malcolme* invadeth *England*. He is opposed by the *Natives*. *Pope Urban* fleeth to *Capua*. |
| 1094 | A fiery dart in the Heavens, that through its violence flew from North to South. A great Earth-quake in *England*. Horrible noises in the ground, with strange groanings, at *Rome*. | The King of *Poland* envied by the *Nobles*, causeth many of them to be banished. *Piedro* of *Spain* takes *Olita* and killeth 30000 *Moors*. The *English* invade *Normandy* again. *Bretislaus* obtaineth the Kingdom of *Bohemia* by the aide of the *Hungarians*. |
| 1098 | The Element seemed to burn in many places. Great Inundations spoyling the *Harvest*. A great Comet in the West, Stars in Hea- | The *Pomeranians* rebell against the *Polanders*, they are subdued. The *Venetians* and the *Pisans* disagree at Sea. The *Norwegians* in- |

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| | cast darts at each other. | vade *Anglesey*, they are opposed. |
| 1101 | Divers Monsters this year generated. *Syracuse* shaken with an Earth-quake. Three Suns with a sword, and Crown in *Germany*. A Comet of wonderfull greatnesse. | *Conradus* dyeth in *Italy*. The *Russians* invade *Polonia*, and are expelled by *Boleslaus*. In *England* the Earle of *Shrewsbury* warreth against the King. The Earle of *Flanders* taketh *Cumbrey*. A League between the *English* and the *Scots*. |
| 1104 | Swarms of Butterflies. Fiery Darts. Strange fiery worms in the aire. Burning Torches and Darts. Fiery Battails, both of Horse and Foot, seen in the aire. *Prodigies* were mighty frequent this year. | *Brandenburg* taketh *Nemberg*, and cometh to *Ratisbone*. The *Polonians* and *Russians* have a tedious War. The Dominions of the *Moravians* and *Prussians* are invaded by *Boleslaus*. *Denmark* invaded, and the King defeated. The King of *Jerusalem* overcome the *Saracens* with a great slaughter. |
| 1107 | A black-bearded Comet in the Heavens. Fiery flames dilated themselves all over the Heavens. A wonderfull *Rainbow*. | The *Hollanders* beaten by the *Flemmings* in the Islands of *Zealand*. *Boleslaus* invadeth *Bohemia*. The Kings of *Hungary* and *Polonia* league against the Emperor. E. of *Tiberias* slain with a Dart. |
| | Fiery Armies in the Element, seen | The Earle of *Compeigne* rebelleth, aided by *Henry*. *Bruges* in *Flanders* consumed in |

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| 1116 | n *Germany*. Many Earth-quakes, and great whirlwinds. | by *Fire*. *Polonia* is wasted. The Emperor excommunicated in divers Countreys, by the *Pope*. |
| 1118 | A shining Cross, with a man seen in the Clouds. It rained blood. Bloody Clouds were also seen. Strange lightning. | The Emperor *Alexius* dyeth. *Maud* Queen of *England* dyeth. The *Pomeranians* subdued by the *Polanders*. The *Dalmations* revolt against the *Venetians*. |
| 1124 | Many strange sights in the Sun, and Moon. A wonderful frost. A winter much sharper then ordinary. Terrible snowes. | The *Venetians* take *Tyre*: they have 200000 *Duckets* for the *Ransome* of their King. The Duke of *Venice* being in *Syria*, the Emperor invadeth his *Territories*. |
| 1135 | A strange inundation in *Flanders*, *Holland* and *Freezland*. In *England* a great Earth quake. Great whirlwinds in *France*. The light of the Sun and Moon (*ad visum*) failes. | Many people perish in *Flanders*. *Judea* milerably wasted by the *Infidels*. The King of *England* surfeits of *Lampreys*, and dyes of it. *Baldwin de Redvers* fortifyeth *Exeter* against *Steven*. He is taken, and for it banished. |
| 1138 | Flesh rained this year. Comets appeared. The Elements all on fire. | *Ericus* King of *Denmark* slain in a Tumult at *Ripan*. The *Scots* invade *Northumberland*, and are defeated. |

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| | Noise like thunder with the crashing of weapons in the aire. | King *Steven* killeth 11000 *Scots*, and entreth *Scotland*. The Battail of *Obrique*. *Baleslaus* dyeth. |
| 1147 | Great thunders at *Rome*. An Earthquake in *England*. Several bowles of fire in the Heavens. A multitude of smal worms. Blood rained. Strange lightning in *Rome*. | *Lewis* of *France* with an Army invadeth *Siria*. He is taken Prisoner by the *Greeks*, Rescued by the King of *Sicily*. *Alphonsus* of *Spain* taketh *Lisoon* and St. *Iren* from the *Moores*. The King of *Swevia* slain. |
| 1153 | In *England* five Suns seen at a time. A great Earthquake in *Italy*. Blood rained in *Normandy*. The Sun darkned for a whole day together. | King *Steven* of *England* dyeth. The Emperor goeth into *Italy*, and taketh *Placentia*, and other places. The *Danes* enter *Swevia* with Forces. *Baldwin* King of *Jerusalem* beseidgeth *Antioch* in vain. |
| 1158 | A mighty great Pillar in *Germany* appeared in the Heavens. A great Eclipse of the Sun. Two *Dragons* seen to fight in the aire in *Swealand*. | The Emperor goeth in *Cilicia*, against the *Armenians*. The *Pope* submitteth to the Emperor, repenteth thereof, and excommunicateth him. The *Venetians* deny aide to the *Greek* Emperor, against the King of *Sicily*. |
| | | Troubles between the King of *England*, and the Blood |

| Anno Christi | The kinds of Prodigies. | Their Effects. |
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| 1163 | Blood rained in *Britain*. An Earthquake at *Constantinople*. Armies seen in the aire in *Spain*. | Arch-B shop *Becket* begin. The *Prussians* rebell against the *Polonians*, they are quelled. *Philip* of *Flanders* taketh *Cambray* from the Emperor. The *Welch* rebell against *England*. |
| 1169 | In this year, three Suns, and three Moons appeared. Also a great Earthquake. | *Syraconus* the *Turk* killeth the *Sultan* of *Ægypt*. The *English* invade *Cumberland*. *Catana* in *Sicily* destroyed with 15000 People by an Earth quake. The *Romans* raſe *Alba*. |
| 1178 | A wonderful inundation in *England*. A fierce Battel in the Heavens in *Italy* was ſeen. An Eclipſe of the Sun. | The *Engliſh* and the *Scots* quarrel. The *Spaniards* take ſeveral places from the *Navars*. *Miceſlaus* by the help of *Caſimir*, recovereth his *Patrimony* in great *Polonia*. Great Wars between the *French*, and the *Flemmings*. |
| 1185 | An Eclipſe of the Sun. A great Earthquake. An Eclipſe of the Moon. Armies environed with fire in *Greece*. | The *Moores* defeated at *Iren* by the *Spaniards*, and their King ſlain. The greateſt part of *Bruges* burnt. *Baldwin* King of *Jeruſalem* (the fift of that name) poyſoned by his Mother. A rebellion in *England*. The *Greeks* loſe 70 ſaile of Ships by *Pyrats*. |

A Deluge

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| 1190 | A Deluge in *Holland*. A Croſs appeared in the Element about the noon time of the day. | Suddenly after the *Flemmings* invade *Holland*. The *Danes* enter *Vandalia*, and take divers places. The *Venetians* defeat the *Piſans* at *Modan*. King of *Sicily* dyeth. |
| 1198 | Stones rained from Heaven. An Earthquake in the Eaſt overthrew many Cities. Blood rained in *England*. Two ſwords in *Spain* ſeen in the Heavens. | *Caſtile* and *Arragon* invade *Navarr*. The *Sultan* of *Iconium* almoſt ſwallowed quick of an Earth-quake. *Harold* Earl of *Cathnes* in *Scotland*, cuts out the *Biſhops* tongue, &c. And the King putteth out his eyes, and hangeth him, and cauſeth all his male children to be gelt. |
| 1205 | The Earth roares and bellows at *Rome*. A horrible Tempeſt. Lightning alſo doth much harm. Clouds of fiery worms. | *Baldwin* Emperor of *Conſtantinople* is taken and (after his hands and feet are cut off) ſlain. *Philip* of *France* recovereth *Normandy*. The King of *England* landeth at *Rochel*, taketh Mount *Alban*, and paſſeth into *Picardy*. *Hollanders* invade *Scotland*. At the ſame time *Holland* is invaded. |
| | A Comet for 18 dayes together. Shapes all bloody | In the Battel of *Maradel*, the *Spaniards* ſlay 200000 *Moores*. The *Pope* giveth *England* to *Philip* of *France*. |

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| 1212 | seen in the Heavens. A Star with a Cross and half moon seen in *Italy*. | *Philip* strives for it; The *English* with the *Flemmings* take 300 sayl of Ships from him, and burn 100 more. King of *Arragon* slain. |
| 1221 | A great Earthquake in *England*. A Comet of great magnitude. Clashing of swords in the Heavens. | Rebellions in *Lincoln-shire* and *Wales*. The Emperor expelleth the *Saracens* out of *Sicily*. The *Genoveses* cause *Candy* to revolt. The *Venetians* recover it again. A rebellion in *Scotland*. The *Livonians* rebel against the *Danes*. |
| 1234 | A great Eclipse of the Sun. Strange sights in the Moon. *viz.* she (which of her self is globular) appeared with six squares. The Sun darkned, that the Stars were seen. | The Emperor's eyes put out by the King of *Bulgaria*. *Vienna* subjected to the Empire. The *Latins* besieged in *Constantinople*, but are by the *Venetians* aide relieved. The King of *England* and the Nobles quarrel, they are reconciled again. The King of *Poland* dyeth. |
| 1243 | A great Comet fearful to behold. A Hail of an immense magnitude removes out of his place. A noyse like Trumpets in the aire, heard in *Italy*. | A great Plague in *Greece*. A miserable Famine in *Constantinople*. King of the *Cumans* slain. The *Infidels* take *Jerusalem*, and slay many Prisoners. |

A great

| Anno Christi | The kinds of Prodigies. | Their Effects. |
|---|---|---|
| 1255 | A great Comet appeared. Strange lightning from Heaven. The Sea overflows in many places of *England*. Dismal noises heard in the aire. | The *Geneveses* take *Venice*, and are expelled again. The Duke of *Liluania* invadeth *Massovia* and *Prussia*. Five petty Kings of the *Moores* expelled *Spain*. The *Venetians* take *Padua*. *Eccelin* cometh thither, and killeth 11000 Citizens. |
| 1277 | A great rain at *Rhene*. A bright skie like day at midnight in *Poland*. Four suns in *Russia*. An Earthquake in *England*. | The *Turks* win all the lesser *Asia* from the *Greeks*. The *Pope* is slain by a fall from his *Chamber*. The Emperor killeth 14000 of the *Bohemians*. The King of *England* forceth *Wales* to a peace. |
| 1280 | The Star *Mercury* appeares like a black spot in the Sun. The Sun is Eclipsed, and the Moon suffered an Eclipse but three days before this, which is *contra naturam*. | The *Polonians* invade *Russia*. The People of *Bruges* rebell in *Flanders*. The *Tartars* and *Armenians* obtain a great victory against the *Soldan* of *Babilon*. The Pope dyeth. That famous Schoolman *Albertus magnus* dyeth. |
| 1285 | A great Earthquake in *Italy*. A Comet of a notable greatness. A swarme of flyes diversly coloured. Inundations in *England*. | The *Norwegians* invade *Den-mark* for the Queen's Dowry. *Hungaria* wasted by the *Cumans*. The *Helvetians* War against the Emperor. He subdueth them. The King of *Sicily* dyeth. |

Launces

| Anno Christi | The kinds of Prodigies. | Their Effects. |
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| 1300 | Launces and Darts of fire seen in the Heavens. A great Snow. A Comet of wonderful magnitude. Armed Men and Horses in Troopes seen in the aire in *Germany*. | The *English* beat the *Scots*. The *Turks* invade the Empire, and do great mischief there. The Pope writeth himself universal *Lord* in *Spirituals* and *Temporals*. *Flanders* is invaded, and many Nobles taken Prisoners. |
| 1307 | Armies of wonderfull greatnesse seen in the aire. Swarms of Wasps. Two Eclipses of the Sun. A Comet of great magnitude. | The King of *England* dyeth. The *Venetians* aide *Charles* against the *Greek* Emperor. The Emperor is slain by his own Brothers Son. The *Helvetians* War against the Emperor. The *Cantons* grow Potent. |
| 1310 | Earth-quake in *England*. The Element seems to burn many days together. A Boy born with four arms, and two bodies. | The *Polonians* subdue *Pomerania*. *Rhodes* is taken from the *Turks*. *Robert Bruce* wasteth *Scotland*, and expelleth the *English*. The Earl of *Cornwall* is banished. The Emperor burneth *Brixia*. |
| 1312 | In *England* for six hours together, the Sun appeared as blood. In *Germany* a great Earthquake. Two Crosses appeared in the Hea- | The *Scots* oppose the King of *England*, and put him to flight. The King of *Bohemia* taketh *Silesia*. He taketh divers places in *Lusatia*. The Emperor is taken |

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| | yens, and a fiery Circle about the Sun. | in battel, and is imprisoned three years. |
| 1333 | Wonderfull lightning, and such flashes, that scortched men on the *Earth*. Great inundations in many places. Grashoppers seen in the aire in *France* in whole troops. | The *Bononians* rebell against the Pope. The *English* burn *Aberdene* in *Scotland*. In the *Inter-regnum* in *Denmark* arise great troubles. The *Polonians* recover a great part of *Silesia*. The Emperor taketh divers places in *Misnia*. |
| 1337 | This year, there were two Comets together, one of which continued four moneths; the other three months. Blood rained in *Rome*. Wonderfull flocks of Crows and Daws, &c. in *Germany*. | The *Lituanians* burn themselves, their wives, their children, &c. goods, to avoid taking. The *French* burn *South-Hampton* in *England*. The *Scythians* wast *Thrace*, and take many *Captives*. King of *Scicily* dyeth. |
| 1348 | In this year divers *Parelia*'s were seen. The Heavens seemed to burn. The *Chronologies* of this year also tell us, that there were divers small beasts rained, from the Heaven, in the East parts. | A mighty Plague in *England*. The *English* beat the *Scots*, and recover much from them. The *Polanders* conquer *Russia* fully. A great Plague in *Venice*, which consumeth many People. The *English* do much spoile at *Louthian* in *Scotland*. |

Multitude-

| Anno Christi | The kinds of Prodigies: | Their Effects |
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| 1354 | Multitudes of Grashoppers in *Africa*. A mighty noise in the Elements. They burn this year in a terrible manner. The Sun is also totally eclipsed. | The *Lithuanians* waste *Prussia*. The *Scots* burn *Norham* and kill some *English*. The King of *England* wasteth *France*. The *Bohemians* and *Venetians* make a league. The *Hungarians* invade *Dalmatia*. |
| 1365 | Armed men in the Heavens seen in *England*. Fiery *Launces* in *Italy*. Grashoppers cover *Switzerland* like snow. | The *Russians* which rebelled in *Poland* are subdued. The King of *France* is expelled his Kingdome. The King of *Swevia* taken in Battel. The *Turk* expels the Christians from *Adrianople*. |
| 1376 | A Comet with a beard seen in the Heavens many nights together. Grashoppers spoyle *France*. Inundations in *Germany*. An Earthquake there. | In *Gaud* 5000 Houses are burnt. Seventeen Towns in *Flanders* drowned. The Christians kill 20000 *Turks* in *Bosna*, by a stratagem. The *French* burn *Rye*, and *Hasting* and take the Isle of *Wight*. The *Scots* burn *Roxburg*. |
| 1388 | A wonderfull exhalation in the Heavens burned for two moneths together. At *Oxford*, a head of Earth spake these words distinctly. *Caput decidetur. Caput elevabitur. Pedes* | A great Sedition in *Oxford* among the *Scholars*. Many of them dislike the Kings Government. An Army of 40000 raised by the Duke of *Gloucester*, Earls of *Warwick*, |

*elevabuntur*

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| | *elevabuntur super Caput.* The Head shall be cut off. The Head shall be lift up. The feet elevated above the head. | *Darby* and *Notingham*. 500000 Christians slain in the Plaines of *Casovia*. Very great *Factions* in *France*. |
| 1399 | A running river divides it selfe in *Bedfordshire* in *England*. A blazing Star shooting wonderfull beams of fire from it. | *Scotland* is wasted by the *English*. The *Frizons* rebell in *Holland*. *Sigismund* executeth 32 of the Nobles in *Hungary*. The Pope is imprisoned by the King of *France*. The Duke of *Hereford* being banished, returns into *England*. |
| 1402 | In this year were seen two very great Comets. And in 1403. Another of immense magnitude. | The *English* take divers of the *Flemmish* Ships. The *English* obtain a victory against the *Scots*. *Sigismund* by the assistance of the *Bohemians* recovereth *Hungary*. |
| 1415 | Strange Prodigies this year in *Brittain*, a *Dragon* encountring a *Lyon* in the aire. Armies of fire seen fighting, and overcoming in the Heavens. An Eclipse of the Sun. | The *English* fight with the *French* at *Agincourt*, and kill 10000 of them in the place, and take 10000 Prisoners. Pope *Gregory* dyeth. The *English* invade *Normandy* in *France*. The King of *Spain* sels the *Canaryes* to the King of *Sevile*. The *Valenchians* made Tributary to the *Turk*. |

Great

| Anno Christi | The kinds of Prodigies. | Their Effects. |
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| 1428 | Great snows in *Germany*. A mighty Earth-quake in *Italy*. A winter wonderfull for cold to all parts of the *North*. | The *Danes* spoyl thirty Ships of great value, that belonged to the *Vandals* and *Hamburgers*. The *Turks* take *Thessalonica* from the *Venetians*. The *English* lose much in *France*. |
| 1439 | A Comet of mighty magnitude in *Poland*. Swarms of Bees in *England* go a progresse. An Earth-quake in *Hungaria*. | The Emperor goeth against the *Turks*, and dyeth. The *Bohanders* wast *Silesia*. The *French* are twice beaten in *Normandy* by the *English*. The *Marshal* of *France* burnt for *Sorcery*. King of *Bohemia* dyeth. |
| 1444 | Clashing of armor and warlike shouts for thirty nights together in *Basil*. A Comet seen. Great companies of Caterpillars. | The King of *Poland* slain. The King of *Hungary* slain at *Varna*. *Bulgaria* lost and 30000 *Turks* slain. The *Hungarians* break league with the *Turks*. |
| 1448 | An Earth quake in *Naples*. Wonderfull snow in *Germany*. Fiery Darts in the skie. The Sun this year eclipsed. | The *Tartars* invade *Podolia*, and are expelled. The *English* invade *Scotland*, and are repelled. *Huniades* defeateth the *Turks* in *Rascia*. The *Vatican* Library erected. |
| 1453 | In *France*, Dogs ran through the aire. Herds of Cat- | *Mahomet* taketh *Constantinople*, the Emperor is slain, and 60000 People are taken Captives. *Talbot* taketh |

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| | le in the Elements. Footmen with staves and Targets. An Earth-quake in *Swedland*. | *Bourdeaux*; He is slain before *Chastilon*. *Bourdeaux* and all *Aquitane* lost to the *French*. *John* of *Castile* dyeth. |
| 1460 | In *England* three Suns appeared. A mighty *Tempest* at *Venice*. In *Poland* an Image of Christ crucified, with a sword passed the aire along from West to South for two houres. | The King of *England* is taken at *Northampton*. The *Venetians* war with the *Turk*. The civil war of *France* begins. The war continueth in *Germany* about the Archbishoprick of *Mentz*. A rebellion in *France* against the *Queen* for the Princes death. |
| 1470 | Haile of wonderfull greatnesse fell at *Rome*, the stones thereof weighed 12 ounces. In *Germany* Haile stones fell as big as Goose eggs. | The *Turks* take *Sabotz* in *Hungary*. The *Turks* wast *Germany*. King of *Sicily* with the *Venetians* war against the *Turks*. The *Venetians* spoyl *Lesbos* and *Pergamus*. |
| 1478 | The Sun darkned without an Eclipse. Flocks of Grashoppers in *Italy*. A glorious star seen to run along the firmament. Armies in *Switzerland* fighting in the aire. | The *Turks* wast *Carinthia*. And the *Tartars* wast *Podolia*. The *Hungarians* defeat the *Turks*, and take 30000 *Captives* from them. The *Inquisition* instituted in *Castile*, against the *Moores* and *Jewes*. The *Transilvanians* overcome the *Turks*. |
| | Great inundations. | The *English* go against *French*. |

# *Miraculum ſignum Cœleſte:*

# A DISCOURSE OF Thoſe Miraculous Prodigies that have been ſeen ſince the Birth of our Bleſſed Lord and Saviour, *JESUS CHRIST.*

| *Anno Chriſti* | *The kinds of Prodigies.* | *Their Effects.* |
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| 1492. | Three Suns were ſeen in *Poland* in the | The Jewes are expelled *Spain*. *Alexander* the fifth plaid the ungrateful fellow with his Cardinal: about the |

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| | moneth of *December*. | end of the year, the Emperour of *Germany* dies, and *John Abert* succeeds *Casimir* in the Kingdom of *Polonia*. The *Ganthois* in *Flanders* rebel. |
| 1514. | In the moneth of *January*, three Suns were seen in the Dutchy of *Wittenberg*: in every of these appeared a bloudy and fiery Sword; In *March* was also seen three Moons. | In this year *Sussex* were burned and spoiled by the *Rhodians*, in behalf of the *French*. An interview followed betwixt the Emperour, King of *Polonia*, and *Bohemia*: The *French* King and Pope meet: The Queen of *Scotland* fleeth into *England*: The *French* King dyeth; and *Francis* the first succeeds, and recovers *Millan*. |
| | On the first of *January*, 3 Sunnes with a Rainbow | The Pope he spues out his Excommunications against *Luther*, he burns his fooliſh Bulls. The Pope executes the Tyrant |

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| 1520 | of divers Colours appeared at *Vienna*: and on the 7. of *January*, there were seen three Suns more: and after *Charles* the fifth was crowned, there was seen a Circle about the Sun with a Rainbow. | tant of *Perugia*. The Duke of *Buckingham* in *England* beheaded for Treason. The *French* detain our Merchants goods. We imprison the *French*. *Soliman*, the magnificent, comes to be Emperour of *Turkie*. The *Geldrois* rebel: The next year after the *French* War began, which continued 38 yea: Troubles rise in *Scotland*. Many Cities taken by the *Turks*, in *Hungary*. |
| 1525. | There was seen in *Hungary* five Suns at once. | The Duke of *Luneburg* becomes *Lutheran*. The Order of *Capuchines* is erected. The *French* King is released out of Prison. Fifty thousand Clowns are slain. *Hen.* 8. falls off from the Emperour: *Swedes* become *Lutherans*. |

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| 1528 | In *Switzerland*, in the moneth of *June*, many Sunnes were seen at once, and about them three Circles. | A Council was then held at *Sena* for Reformation. Images and Popish Trumperies abolished at *Perne* and *Strasburg*. A Rebellion at *Dansk*: some mutinous Utrethters executed by the Bishop: Sharp differences betwixt *Hen.* 8. and Qu *Katherine*. The next year *Solyman* invaded *Hungary* with one hundred and fifty thousand men: *Vienna* is besieged. *French* King's Ranfome is paid. |
| 1532. | Near *Oenipons* was seen in the Air a Camel compassed with flames; a Woolf vomiting fire, and compassed with a flame. A Lyon, an armed man standing near the entring of a | All these strange Prodigies were supposed to be fore-runners of the death of *John* Duke of *Saxony*, and Elector. *Vienna* is relieved by the Emperour. *Henry* the Eighth is divorced from Queen *Katherine*. Queen *Elizabeth* born 1533. Seditions raised |

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| | Mountain, did stroke the mane of the Camel, and he seemed to flatter the man. | raised by the Anabaptists, and strange Factions in *Hungary*. |
| 1541. | Was seen three Suns; the usuall Sun stood in the Center, and two bright Circles did environ it. | *Katherine*, Queen of *England* is beheaded. The *Rochellers* rebel. *Charles* the fifth makes an unfortunate Voyage to *Algier*. The *German* Forces are foyled by the *Turks*, onely by the Cowardise of the Leaders, 1542. The *Scots* beaten at *Solwy*-Mos, and their King dies of Melancholy. *Transilvania* is subdued by *Solyman*, and given to *John*. Popery is rejected in the *Palatinate*. |
| 1550 | Near *Brunswick* three Suns appeared: The *Thames* | Great troubles arise at *Antwerp*. The Inquisition opposed in the *Netherlands*, |

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| | ebbed and flowed three times in 9 hours. | lands. Difference betwixt the Emperour, and *Ferdinand*, about succession in the Empire. Some of the Electours arm against the Emperour. |
| 1551. | In *March*, at *Magdeburg*, seven Rain-bows were seen, and three Moons. In *April*, at *Wittenberg*, three Suns were seen, with various Circles in the Element. | The Duke of *Somerset* is beheaded in *England*: A World of Disputes in *Germany*, about Religion. The *French* make Warre with the Emperour. |
| 1553. | Three Suns appeared: that in the middle of a bright Colour: but the other two, which were on both sides thereof a bloudy | The Papists and Protestants in *England* dispute. The King of *England* dyeth. A Tumult in *Brussels*, between the insolent *Spaniard*, and the Townsmen. New Persecution in |

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| | colour. There was also three Moones seen the same day. | in *England* for being Protestants. Queen *Mary* comes to the Crown with the like ominous Portent. |
| 1554. | In *Bavaria*, divers kinds of Suns were seen on the 6th of *March*. Two Suns were seen with a Rainbow: and in *May* two more were seen, and the Sun invironed all round about with a Rainbow. | About this time, *Wyat* riseth in *Kent*. *Philip* and *Mary* marryed. *Sena* betrayed to the Emperour by the Pope. *Henalt* in *Arthoys* wasted by the *French*. |
| 1556. | In *Saxony*, two Mock-Suns appeared. | *Charles* the Emperour, entreth the Monastery of St. *Justus*, in the Confines of *Castile*. The Lord *Sturton* is hanged in *England* for a murder. *Transilvania* revolts. Nineteen thousand People at *Brussels* die of Cold and Famine, |

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| | | 1557. The War is begun betwixt the King of *Spain* and the Pope: A great Pestilence happens in *England*. *Calais* is lost to the *French*. The *Scots* invade *England*. Treason and Uproars are frequent in *Turkie*. |
| 1572. | A New Star was seen. | In this year was that *Bartholmew* slaughter acted at *Paris*, in which, not excluding other places, thirty thousand men were slain. One hundred thousand Families were oppressed in three dayes; Widowes and Orphan Children innumerable, being brought to the greatest beggery, or want, that could be. |
| 1574. | The Heavens seem to burn, and Earth-quake. | About this time, the *English* be in *Scotland*, and take the chiefest City therein called *Edenburg*. |

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| 1577. | In *November*, a New Star appeared, and vanished in *January* following. | *Dantzick* was then besieged, and 1578 the Wars of *Moscovia* began. *Sebastian*, King of *Portugal* dies, after a Fight in *Africa*, and *Melchus Cherisim*, King of *Morisco-Trigitana*, whom he came to subdue, and *Mahomet* that caused the War was drowned: eight thousand Christians were slain, and as many taken Captives. |
| 1622. | In this year three Suns appeared, and was seen at *Heidelberg*. | What wonderful Calamities have since fallen! upon the *Palatinate*. *Osman* the great Turk is strangled, and *Spinola* besiegeth *Bergen-up-Zoom*, &c. |

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| 1639. | In *March*, this yeare, were three Suns seen in *England*. | We all know what sad and most strange Warres, Quarrels, Uproars, and many Tumults, in a very short space followed, to the utter ruine of a great number of whole Families. |
| 1644. | Three Sunnes were seen with a Rain-bow, in *November*, in *England*. | Now are our before-mentioned most sad Calamities drawn down upon our heads, every man in a maze, what would be the event of those many strange passages now on foot: But what hath been the event, is easily remembred by both *English*, *Scottish*, and *Irish* people: so that here needs no more but |

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